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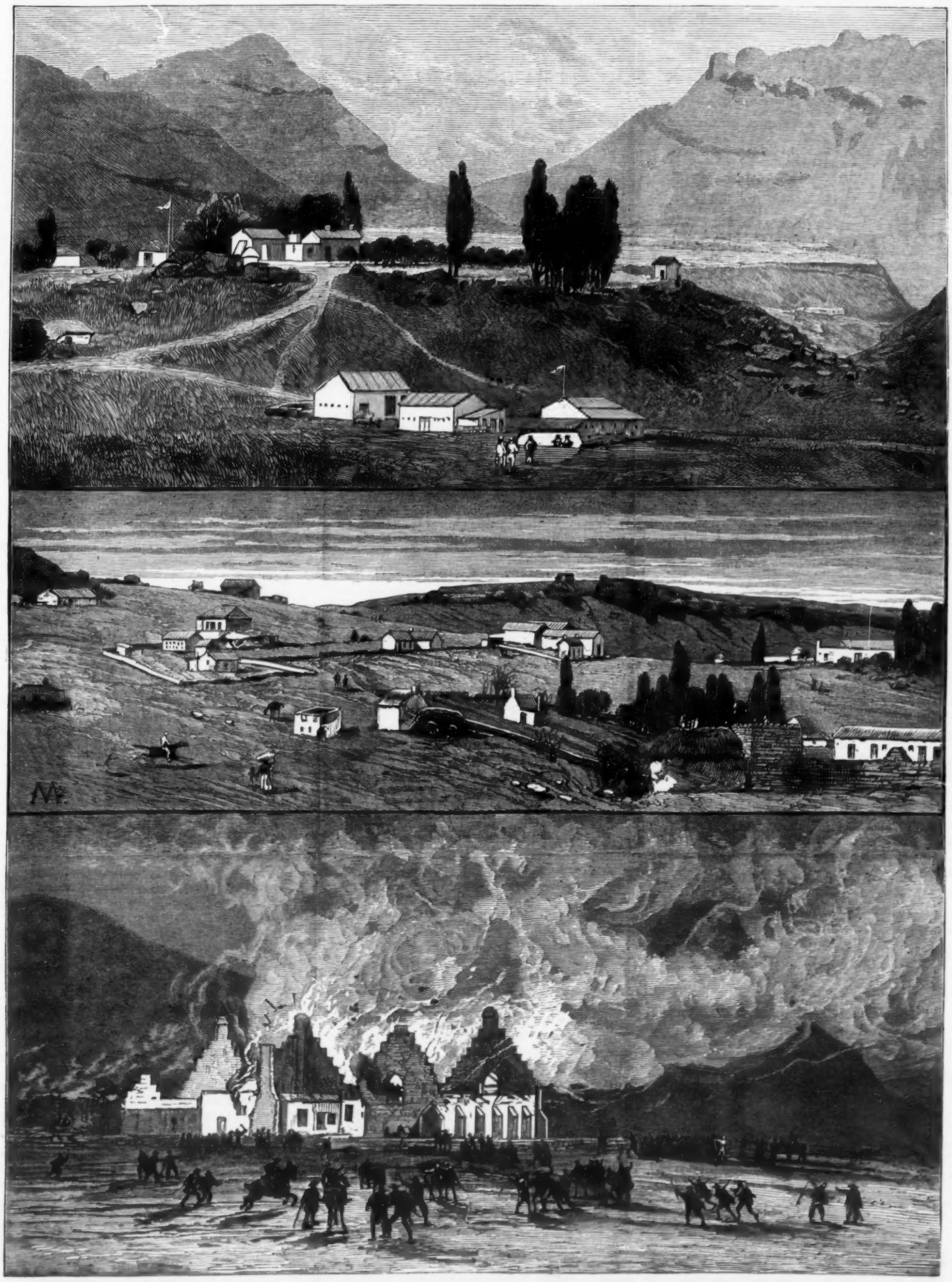

1. RESIDENCY AT MASERU, ABODE OF CHIEF MAGISTRATE, COMMANDANT GRIFFITH. 2. MASERU, PRINCIPAL TOWN IN BASUTOLAND, ATTACKED BY 8000 BASUTOS, OCT. 10. 3. BASUTOS SETTING FIRE TO THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL AT MASERU, ON THE NIGHT OF OCT. 10.

BIRTHS.

On the 4th inst., at Friar's Stile Lodge, Richmond, S.W., the wife of J. C. Miller, M.A., of a daughter (Maria Mabel Sutherland).

On the 7th inst., at 37, Grosvenor-square, London, the Countess of Aberdeen, of a daughter.

On the 7th inst., at 13, Belgrave-square, the Countess Beauchamp, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 2nd inst., at the parish church, Prendergast, by the Rev. George Eyre Massy, M.A., Vicar of Bourne, Lincolnshire, brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Francis Foster, M.A., Vicar of the parish, Alan Peel, youngest son of William Peel, Esq., of Talbaris Park, Carmarthenshire, to Constance Grace, youngest daughter of E. T. Massy, Esq., of Cottesmore, Pembrokeshire.

On the 27th ult., at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cadogan-terrace, A. C. de Lisle, of Garendon Park and Gracedieu Manor, to the Hon. Violet Sandys, youngest daughter of the late, and sister of the present, Lord Sandys.

On the 2nd inst., at St. Mark's Church, North Audley-street, the Hon. Thomas H. A. E. Cochrane, youngest son of the Earl of Dundonald, to Lady Gertrude T. G. Boyle, daughter of the Earl of Glasgow.

On the 4th inst., at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, the Hon. W. St. John F. Brodrick, M.P., eldest son of Viscount Midleton, to the Hon. Hilda Charteris, third daughter of Lord Elcho, M.P., and granddaughter of the Earl of Wemyss and March.

On the 7th inst., at St. George's, Hanover-square, by the Rev. F. Shepherd, assisted by the Rev. Greaves Hodgson, John Murray, son of J. L. Kennedy, Esq., of Knockmalling, Galloway, N.B., to Frances Eleanor Catherine, second daughter of the late Colonel Brandling, R.H.A., C.B., and niece of Lady Lilford.

DEATHS.

On the 4th inst., at Bishopwearmouth, Durham, in his 53rd year, James Taylor, Esq., son of the late Commander John Taylor, R.N., of Horton Grange, Northumberland.

On the 29th ult., Anne, widow of Lieut.-General Sir John Rolt, K.C.B., aged 85.

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LONDON: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1880.

On Sunday last the International Naval Demonstration ceased, and the fleets which had taken part in it, after making each other acquainted with their several destinations, dispersed. This temporary, or, as it may not improbably turn out, final dissolution of active means for giving expression to the European Concert, took place at the suggestion of the British Government. The end for which it was originally assembled has been accomplished; the Montenegrin question has been settled; Dulcigno has been ceded, and all matters of offence between the Sultan and Prince Nikita have been removed. It would be a mistake to imagine that the close of the Naval Demonstration will affect the continuance of the diplomatic concert of the Powers. That remains what it was, and, should it seem fitting to them at any time during the course of next year to have resort to coercive or semi-coercive action against the Ottoman Empire for non-fulfilment of the stipulations of the Berlin Treaty, they will be in a position to take that course. They are but too happy, however, to have brought their first experiment to a successful issue to repeat it, save under the most urgent necessity. They are, probably, as glad to have dispersed their Naval combination as the Ottoman Government can be to note its departure. That it has largely contributed to bring the Porte to reason scarcely admits of a doubt; that it was a wise measure, under the circumstances, may be fairly contended. "All's well that ends well." Not a gun has been fired, no legitimate interest has been disturbed, no international feuds have been excited, no inconvenient pledges have been given with regard to the future. The "Eastern Question," as it has been comprehensively designated, has not, it is true, been permanently settled; but a way to the settlement of it without war, and by gradual development rather than by sudden and general conflict, has been discerned, if but dimly; and, happily, all European States, without exception, are, in their own interests, strongly bent upon the maintenance of peace.

We pass from East to West—from Turkey to the United States of America—from despotic to Republican Rule. The Session of Congress began on Monday. The inaugural Message of President Hayes was then read. To outside people the Document will appear dull; to the Americans themselves it can hardly fail of being satisfactory. It tells a tale of domestic prosperity, such as most nations might desire to appropriate to themselves; and the President, who retires from his high office in March next, leaves to his successor, General Garfield, a quiet and a rich inheritance. The succession will be undisputed; the lines of demarcation between Republican and Democratic politics are fading out, in practice at least, if not in theory. The Government of the Union has before it no violent antagonisms with which to grapple, no factions numerous and resolute enough to resist its authority, and, we might almost say, no domestic difficulties of extreme urgency which it is called upon at once to solve. Such matters of political and civil reform as are touched upon by Mr. Hayes may not improbably be dealt with by Congress without causing any inconvenient excitement, and may unquestionably be handled with a fair prospect of beneficial legislation. One question only is imperatively commended to prompt attention—namely, the duty and purpose of the people to suppress polygamy. The President recommends the reorganisation of territorial government with that view, or, as an alternative, a denial to the Mormons of all right to vote, hold office, or sit on juries.

The foreign relations of the United States, we are glad to learn, "have been, and promise to be, those of undisturbed peace." On the Fisheries dispute respecting claim to indemnity made by the Government of the United States upon that of her Majesty, arising out of injuries inflicted upon American Citizens at Fortune Bay, there is, we are told, "a disposition towards friendly agreement, leading to the hope that a basis will be found for a speedy adjustment of the very serious divergence of views in the interpretation of the Fishery Clauses of the Treaty of Washington." With France, with Germany, with Spain, with Belgium, with Roumania, with China, and even with Mexico, matters of dispute, or of international convenience, are in a promising way for mutually satisfactory adjustment. As to the Financial situation of the United States, the President reports that it is "more favourable than that of any country in our time, and never surpassed by any country at any period: all industries thriving, the rate of interest low, new railroads being constructed, vast immigration, numerous enterprises afloat, and the commercial relations with other countries improving." This roseate report will call forth the cordial congratulations of all European countries. But it comes, be it remembered, after a period, and a lengthened period too, of commercial depression. It is in part, probably, the result of a return to specie payments, and, through them, the restoration of confidence to the capitalists who furnish the "sinews of war" to those who conduct the industrial enterprises of the country.

Would that we were able to anticipate a like pleasant domestic situation! Our trials came later than those of our Western neighbour, and are not yet, by any means, at an end. Commercially, perhaps, some improvement may be observed; but commercial progress is extremely slow. Our immediate trouble is one of an essentially social character, one of which the United States have little or no experience. The question of Land Tenure in Ireland is approaching a tension which for severity, and we may add danger, has seldom been exceeded. We note, however, even on this sterile ground, some signs of improved feeling. There is a recognition by all parties of the tremendous gravity of the issue at stake. There is greater candour of inquiry, more serious deliberation of judgment, more caution in expressing its decisions, as well as a more striking abnegation of merely Party views, than we had hoped for six weeks or two months ago. The Irish question is tending to settle itself. Statesman-like guidance is needed to direct it into a prudent adjustment. But the impulse required to effect such a settlement is strong enough for the purpose. Theoretical and traditional prejudices will have to give way to practical remedies, and, whether it costs little or much, justice must be done to, and between, all classes and interests.

Lord Herries is likely to succeed the late Lord Wenlock in the Lord Lieutenancy of the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Savoy-street is being opened out direct on to the Embankment, and in a few days the roadway will be completed, affording another useful means of relieving the Strand traffic.

The Marquis of Hartington, replying to a communication respecting the abrogation of foreign tariffs upon British industrial productions, writes that, whilst not prepared to make suggestions as to the mode of accomplishing this desirable object, he is favourable, under all the circumstances, to strict adherence on our part to Free Trade principles.

ECHOES OF THE WEEK.

Infinite perturbation should there be, just now, in the Diamond Market; while corresponding agitation might be felt by the ingenious gentlemen (generally belonging to a historic race) who deal in rubies, emeralds, sapphires, amethysts, topazes, and pearls. The French Government have determined to submit to the Chambers a proposal for the sale of five millions of francs' worth of the Crown jewels of France: the jewels to be disposed of being only those which have neither historic nor artistic value; and the proceeds are to be devoted to the endowment of certain art museums.

Among the gems to be brought into the market is obviously *not* the famous "Regent" or "Pitt" diamond, which has a remarkable little history of its own, not only historical, but literary. It will be remembered that Thomas Pitt, Esquire, Governor, in the reign of Queen Anne, of Fort St. George, in the East Indies, purchased from an anonymous dealer a very large diamond, which, it is said, had been discovered somewhere in "Malacca." A mysterious region. A Gladstone Administration was wholly wrecked in "the Straits of Malacca" some half dozen years ago. Governor Pitt paid the anonymous native dealer rupees to the value of £20,400 for his big brilliant. It weighed, in its "raw" state 410, and, when cut, 136½ carats. Mr. Alexander Pope, poet, subsequently, in a well-known satirical couplet, more than hinted that Governor Pitt had robbed the Indian proprietor of his precious bauble. The "Pitt" diamond was brought to England, and, after being cut as a brilliant, was sold to the Regent Philippe, Duke of Orleans, for the then baby King of France, for the sum of £185,000. The present estimated value of the gem (which is the fourth biggest diamond in the world), is twelve millions of francs—say, £480,000. Altogether, the value of the French Crown jewels is estimated at twenty millions of francs.

Mem.: Our own Koh-i-noor (by the right of conquest), or "Mountain of Light," formerly known as the Great Mogul diamond, is the largest piece of pure carbon in the world (excepting, they say, the stone among the Crown jewels of Portugal), and weighs two hundred and seventy carats. What is the value of the Koh-i-noor? Well, according to Jeffries, the value of diamonds is in the duplicate ratio of their weights. Thus, if an uncut diamond of one carat be worth two pounds, that of one cut and polished would be valued at eight pounds sterling in the brilliant. "At this rate a cut diamond of two carats would be $2 \times 8 \times 2 = £32$; one of three, $3 \times 8 \times 3 = £72$; one of four, $4 \times 8 \times 4 = £128$; one of five, $5 \times 8 \times 5 = £200$. So to progressively calculate your carats till you reach the weight of the Koh-i-noor would be a very pretty little sum to be set for pretty little brains to solve, while elderly people went out to dinner this coming Christmastide and enjoyed themselves.

Louis XV. wore the "Regent" as an isolated stone in the front of the circlet of his Crown Royal. I turned up an engraving of this crown, as manufactered by the Sieur Rodé *fils*, in that very sumptuous and useful magazine of decoration (now defunct, I am afraid), the French "L'Art pour Tous." The crown is "the size of life," or rather still life, and every jewel is accurately figured. The "Regent" is of a lozenge shape, and is just one inch broad and a little more than an inch in length. This crown was broken up at the Revolution; but the "Regent" kept its head above the waters of cataclysm, and Napoleon I. had it mounted in the hilt of his sword. Audacious Corsican Usurper! Perhaps he thought that he was insulting the memory of his most formidable foe, Mr. Pitt.

Next to the history of the "Pitt" or "Regent" Diamond, the most interesting biography of a gem, or rather an assembly of gems, is the world-renowned Diamond Necklace, manufactured by the court jewellers, Böhmer and Bossange, for Louis XV., who wished to present it to the Du Barry; which necklace they unsuccessfully sought to sell to Marie Antoinette, and out of which they were ultimately cozened by the impudent adventuress Madame de la Motte, and her accomplices. I see that a fresh edition has just been published of Mr. Henry Vizetelly's "Story of the Diamond Necklace," in which the whole intrigue of that unparalleled Comedy of Roguery is exhaustively and graphically narrated. The diamond necklace itself seems, from the engraving thereof in the frontispiece to Mr. Vizetelly's interesting book, to have been a hugely ugly one; as ugly as Chippendale furniture—and that is saying a great deal.

I read in the New York correspondence of a Parisian paper the account of a single day as spent by Mdlle. Sarah Bernhardt. The indefatigably versatile *tragédienne-comédienne* rose at seven, painted and "sculpted" till nine; received visitors until eleven forty-five a.m.; breakfasted at one p.m.; played at an afternoon performance at two; presided at her exhibition of painting and sculpture from five to six; dined at seven; and at eight attended a night rehearsal of "Adrienne Le Couvreur," which lasted until three the next morning.

'Tis Adrienne here, and Adrienne there. Mdlle. Bernhardt is by this time astonishing the lovers of the drama in the Empire City as Adrienne, and this present Saturday Madame Modjeska is, in the same superb part, to take the audience at the Court by storm. I have been trying to find out something about the real Adrienne Le Couvreur. So far as my researches have as yet extended, that which is known of her does not amount to much. In Mame's great "Dictionnaire Universel, Historique, Critique et Bibliographique" (Fifth Edition, Paris, 1810), there is a very ill-favoured outline portrait of the actress, and a brief biographical notice, stating that she was born at Fisme, in Champagne, in 1690, and that she was the daughter of a hatter. Possibly "Le Couvreur" was only a stage name, and was adopted in punning allusion to her papa's trade.

She made her début in Electra on May 14, 1717. "She abolished the practice of shrieking on the stage." Voltaire "corrected and improved her melodious lamentations." Her by-play was wonderful. It is more strange to read that "Genius, and genius alone, compensated, in her case, for the absence of voice, stature, and beauty." The magnificent Adrienne was, then, after all, a plain-looking, weak-voiced little woman. Yet I read that, owing to this same genius alone, "she reigned as a Queen among her comrades." The notice goes on to tell the story of her pawning her diamonds for 40,000 francs to relieve the necessities of Maurice de Saxe, Duke of Courland. She died in her fortieth year (nothing is said about her having been poisoned). Being normally excommunicated, her remains were not allowed to rest in consecrated ground; and she was clandestinely buried somewhere on the banks of the Seine, only the Count de Saxe and Voltaire being present. It is good to learn that Maurice de Saxe was grateful to the woman who had pawned her jewels for him; and that underneath the furred pelisse, the brocaded waistcoat, and the laced *jabot* of François Marie Arouet, called Voltaire, there was something of the nature of a Heart.

Adrienne's portrait was painted by the famous Coypel; and beneath, on the frame, was inscribed the following exquisitely turned quatrain:—

> Ton art, par un effet heureux
> Transmet mon air, mes traits, ma gloire à mes neveux:
> Ne t'enorgueillis pas du talent qui t'honore;
> COYPEL! *quand je jouais je peignais mieux encore.*

Were the greatest master in portraiture of the age to paint Madame Modjeska, something after the fashion of this conceit might be written on the frame:—

> Artist, whose brush to distant times hands down,
> The looks, the gestures which are all mine own,
> Be not too proud. In painting Life's long Play
> *I e'en excelled* JOHN EVERETT MILLAIS.

This is very atrocious doggrel; but it will convey a glimmering of my meaning to the reader.

Last week I wrote, half jocularly, "I have shown that King Solomon never said, *verbatim et literatim*, 'Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child.' Within the next six months I confidently expect to be told that he did say so, word for word and letter for letter." Within the next six months! Within the next six days, I should have said. Last Tuesday's post brought me a communication in a neat feminine handwriting, signed "Grandmamma," and calmly quoting, in the complacent confidence of incurable obstinacy, Prov. xiii. 24 and Prov. xix. 18. Evidently it is so much labour lost in trying to set up as a seller of spectacles. There are people who persist in making their own, and in tinting them to the precise hue, and none other, which they are determined to patronise.

Good news from Cyprus! An anonymous friend occasionally sends me copies of the *Cyprus Times*, published at Larnaka, a very well printed and vivacious little sheet, and decidedly strong in its comments on current local politics. I carefully scan the advertisements, and continue to note symptoms of advancing, or rather returning, civilisation in the birthplace of Aphrodite. My last edition of "Murray" for 1876 does not mention the existence of a single hotel, either at Larnaka, Nicosia, or Limassol, and hints, indeed, that the traveller in Paphos has only the Greek monasteries to look to for accommodation; but in the advertising columns of the *Cyprus Times* I find an announcement that "the ancient Albert's Hotel at Nicosia is now held by George Pappasoglou," who guarantees to all his patrons "comfortable rooms, clean beds, and delicious dishes." Then there is the Bellevue Hotel, Larnaka," situated on the Marina, and overlooking the sea;" "the Army and Navy Hotel, Wolseley-street"—well, why not? is there not a street in Havana called the "Calle O'Reilly," after the famous Captain-General who took Algiers, and whom Doña Julia (according to Byron) used so vilely;—while in "Billiard"-street, Limassol (an odd name for a street), there is the Troödos Hotel, kept by S. Varipati. And what do you say to "Captain Gauci," English Grocer, Bazaar-street, Larnaka, who has just received fresh supplies of English-cured bacon and ham, and expects some fine new Maltese potatoes per S.S. Roumelia?

What does my good friend Mr. *Punch* mean by ridiculing and traducing the Greeks and the Greek cause? In the current number of my facetious friend's vastly improved periodical, and under a most delicious drawing by Mr. Du Maurier of two beauteous little girls and a handsome mamma of the period, there is an acrid and unjust article parodying the proceedings at the recent meeting of the Greek Committee and the sympathisers with the Greek cause at Willis's Rooms. On that occasion the Earl of Rosebery presided; in *Punch's* parody it is Lord Constable who takes the chair (what does *that* mean? Lord Rosebery is not a policeman), and who delivers a silly and vacuous speech. His Lordship is supported by Mr. Daudler, M.P., Mr. Twaddler, M.P., Mr. Dodderer, M.P., Mr. Thyck Hedde, M.P., and Mr. Ad Getter, M.P. I thought *Punch* was a Liberal as well as a laughable journal. This is illiberal and not laughable. Mr. Burnand, Mr. Burnand! you have inadvertently gotten a Jingo in the camp. *Rondo Africano.* "Traitor in de Camp, Turn 'im out!"

A correspondent who writes anonymously, and underscores the word *anonymously*, as though he were proud of being anonymous, remarks that he noticed lately a published eulogy on a sentence in "Endymion" to the effect that "Eloquence is based on Knowledge;" and he asks whether the sentiment does not closely resemble that dilated upon by Cicero, in "De Oratore" II. 2, touching the eloquence of Crassus and Antoninus. Turn up Karl Friedrich Nobbe's thundering edition of Cicero (Leipsic, Tauchnitz, 1827, pp. 1220), and satisfy yourselves, gentlemen scholars. We will spare the ladies (not being disciples of Girton College) the quotation.

But I have another question to ask about "Endymion," and not anonymously, with respect to a matter of Good Taste. I have bought the three volumes of "Endymion," have read them, and intend to have them sumptuously bound. I dare say many more collectors of books have done or mean to do as I have done, and that thousands of people admire, as I do, the sparkling vivacity and epigrammatic polish of this remarkably talented production, in which almost fac-simile portraits of the notabilities of the last generation—from Lord Palmerston to the Hon. Mrs. Norton, from the Emperor Napoleon III. to Mr. Poole the tailor—are introduced.

The Earl of Beaconsfield is a Peer of the Realm, a Knight of the Garter, an ex-Prime Minister, and one of the foremost statesmen of Europe. To write a novel is, on his part, a condescension; and were he even to pen a stupid book it would be received in some places with enthusiastic applause. But, supposing that he were a professed and professional man of letters, living avowedly by his pen, even as Mr. Anthony Trollope does. The author of "Barchester Towers" (I hope Mr. Trollope will pardon me for citing him as an example) has written many excellent books; he has seen, as Ulysses saw, "men and cities," and he must have known more or less intimately most of the distinguished people in society, all over the world, during a period of some thirty years. Supposing Mr. Anthony Trollope were to write a novel, into the pages of which were dragged, under the thinnest of disguises, Mr. Thackeray, Mr. Dickens, Mr. Carlyle, Mr. Alfred Tennyson, and Mr. Robert Browning; Mr. Millais, Mr. Alma Tadema, and the late Mr. Tom Taylor; Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft, Mr. Hare, Mr. Kendal, and Mr. Henry Irving; Professor Owen, Sir James Paget, and Dr. Benjamin Richardson; Sir Henry Thompson, Sir Michael Costa, Sir Julius Benedict, and Mr. Arthur Sullivan; Mr. Thomas Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Hall, Miss Emily Faithfull, and Miss Braddon. Most of us have met these celebrities in private society. Few of their number are, or have been, without strongly-marked individualities and idiosyncrasies, which could be most amusingly rendered in a novel; but what would be the professional man of letters' fate if he put forth such a book full to repletion of such vividly real characters? The whole world of criticism would rise in arms. The novel would be denounced on all sides as a flagrant example of the most atrocious Bad Taste; and if, among the people so unscrupulously "brought in," there happened to be any members of clubs to which the novelist himself belonged, he might reckon upon receiving some very pungent communications from the committees of those institutions.

Mr. Thackeray, you may object, was personal, sometimes. I reply that Mr. Thackeray was only gently and skilfully assimilative and combinative in his characters. They passed through the alembic of his study and observation. The Marquis of Steyne is a sublimation of half a dozen characters; so is Captain Shandon; so are Costigan and the Mulligan. And the finest of all Mr. Thackeray's characters, Becky, Dobbin, Jos Sedley, and Colonel Newcome, are wholly original (from the "celebrity" point of view, at least). I think it will be a bad day for English literature when novels of manners, ten years after their publication, will require a "key" to explain the persons whom the principal characters are intended for. Every novelist should bear in mind the terrible reminder of Junius of the inevitable day when "the force and direction of personal satire" shall be no longer understood.

With reference to the early history of the Electric Telegraph, "T. H." refers me to "The Spectator," No. 241, for an account taken from Strada's "Prolusions" (Book II, prol. 6), of "a chimerical correspondence" between two friends by the help of a certain loadstone, which had such virtue in it that if it touched two several needles, when one of the needles touched began to move, the other, though at never so great a distance, moved at the same time and in the same manner.

> He tells us that the two friends, being each of them possessed of one of these needles, made a kind of a dial-plate, inscribing it with the four-and-twenty letters of the alphabet in the same manner that the hours of the day are marked on the ordinary dial-plate. They then fixed one of these needles to each of these plates in such a manner that it would move round, without impediment, so as to touch any of the four-and-twenty letters. . . By this means they talked together across a whole continent, and conveyed their thoughts to one another in an instant over cities or mountains, seas or deserts.

The number of "The Spectator" which I have quoted bears the date of Dec. 6, 1711. The "Prolusions" of Strada, a learned Jesuit, form an entry in the Catalogue of the Ronalds Library which I mentioned last week. Father Strada's conception of an Ideal Magnetic Telegraph was published at Milan so far back as A.D. 1626. The good Father seems to have had, like most of us, his literary troubles; since I find that an atrabilious critic, named Scioppius, wrote a pamphlet against him, with the engaging title "Infamia Famiani Stradæ." His "infamy" notwithstanding, he managed to live to the good old age of seventy-eight. He was even luckier in escaping from falling into trouble with the Inquisition, who might have accounted magnetic telegraphy only so much necromancy.

Look not in the usual column this week for the "Playhouses." Ceding to the entreaties of a tearful editor, desperately pressed on all sides at this season of the year for space, I have for once omitted my customary "prolusion" on things theatrical. As it happens, there have been but two dramatic events during the past week calling for notice. One was the successful production at the St. James's, last Saturday, of Mr. Coghlan's new version, entitled "Good Fortune," of Octave Feuillet's "Roman d'un jeune Homme Pauvre." Mr. Coghlan's adaptation, or rather paraphrase, is very neatly executed, and the dialogue is, in particular, incisive and epigrammatic. But M. Octave Feuillet's "Roman" is at the best a rambling and indistinct production, and, as I shall strive to show next week, it almost defies the efforts of the most skilful dramatist to anglicise it. It is a strictly virtuous piece; but even the virtue is French. The leading characters were admirably sustained by Mr. and Mrs. Kendal and Mr. John Clayton.

Some seventeen hundred pounds were the net product of the memorial performance at Drury Lane on Monday and the concurrent subscription for the benefit of the family of the late Mr. Charles Harcourt. The vast house was crowded from floor to roof, and the programme was surprisingly varied and brilliant.

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THE RIGHT HON. WILLIAM PATRICK ADAM, THE NEW GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

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The Right Hon. William Patrick Adam, who has gone to India with the high appointment of Governor of the Madras Presidency, succeeding the Duke of Buckingham there, has been known among members of Parliament as the active and vigilant "whipper-in" of the Liberal party in the House of Commons, under both the Administrations of Mr. Gladstone, as well as Earl Russell's before, and when that party was in Opposition during the Conservative Ministry of Lord Beaconsfield. This right honourable gentleman is fifty-nine years of age. He is the elder son of the late Admiral Sir Charles Adam, K.C.B., of Blair Adam, Kinross, who was some time Governor of Greenwich Hospital; and his mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Patrick Brydone, F.R.S. Mr. W. P. Adam was educated at Rugby, under the Rev. Dr. Arnold, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, in the time of the Rev. Dr. Whewell. He was called to the Bar, at the Inner Temple, in May, 1849. In December, 1853, he went to India as private secretary to Lord Elphinstone, then Governor of Bombay, with whom he remained there till September, 1858, working through the difficulties, toils, and anxieties that were occasioned by the Sepoy Mutiny and subsequent war, at which time the Bombay Government rendered great assistance to the army engaged in Bengal, Oude, the North-Western Provinces, and Central India, to maintain the British rule over that great Empire. Having returned to England, Mr. Adam, who had in 1851 been a candidate, without success, for the representation of Clackmannanshire and Kinross-shire jointly, obtained, in May, 1859, his unopposed election to that seat. In 1865, having become a most efficient and serviceable Parliamentary manager of votes and divisions for the Liberal party, he was made a Lord of the Treasury, under the last Premiership of Earl Russell, which came to an end in the following July. When Mr. Gladstone formed a Government, in December, 1868, Mr. Adam was placed in the same position, which he exchanged, in August, 1873, for the more important offices of Chief Commissioner of Crown Works and Buildings and Paymaster-General. He took a leading part in the political campaign preceding the last General Election, and was, for the first time since 1859, opposed before the Scottish county constituency for which he stood. His election speeches at Dollar and Kinross made a severe exposure of the faults of Lord Beaconsfield's Government, and he was returned by a very large majority at the head of the poll. The right hon. gentleman has very recently been entertained by the members of his party, at the Reform and Devonshire Clubs, with festive congratulations upon his latest official appointment, which they only regret inasmuch as his Parliamentary and social assistance will now be taken away from them. He is married, since 1856, to Emily, eldest daughter of General Sir William Wyllie, G.C.B., and has a son just come of age, Mr. Charles Elphinstone Adam, with some other children.

The Portrait is engraved from a photograph by Mr. J. Moffat, of Princes-street, Edinburgh.

THE GREENWICH ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY.

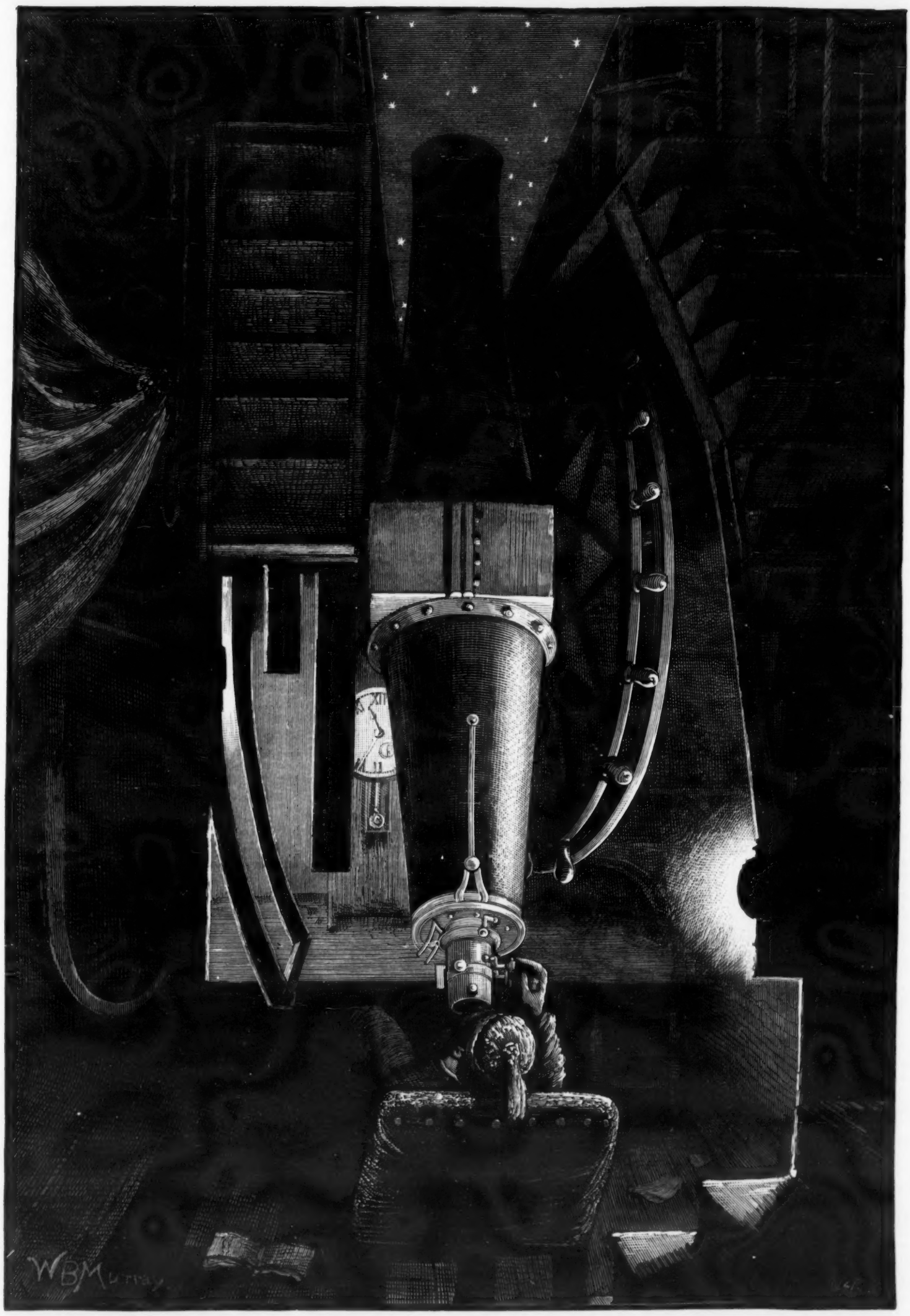
The Royal Observatory in Greenwich Park, as explained in former notices, comprises two quite distinct and different portions, though within the same precinct, in the cluster of buildings that rises on the familiar summit of the high green slope, rearward of the Royal Hospital school and Naval College. The Astronomer Royal, Sir George Biddell Airy, here dwells, and presides over the great telescopes and their adjuncts, in the quaint-looking towers where the motions of celestial bodies are constantly noted; while the Magnetic Observatory, with the apparatus for detecting and recording meteorological phenomena, as well as that belonging to the earth-currents of magnetic force, and that for indicating the temperature, under the superintendence of Mr. W. Ellis, occupy separate places. The sidereal clock, and the clock that gives the mean time of day, by electric wires, to the General Post Office and to several distant offices in Great Britain, are dependent, of course, upon the principal astronomical establishment.

In a cylinder-shaped building, that has the outside look of a huge barrel, standing upright, with the rim of its upper end somewhat expanded above the round sides, the Great Equatorial Telescope has been erected since the year 1847. The Illustration we now present shows the manner in which this noble instrument is used. It is suspended in the "transit circle," forming the upper part of the chamber; which part, opening at the top, moves by regulated clockwork, in conformity with the diurnal apparent movement of the heavenly bodies through the sky, going round in twenty-four hours, so as to follow their course, that the telescope may not lose sight of the object pointed at. There is a small platform, or rather series of rising platforms, upon any part of which the reclining couch of the observer, to be raised or lowered at pleasure, can be placed for his convenience, in order that he may lie back, without bodily fatigue, and look upwards into the sky, at whatever angle of inclination the telescope has to be fixed. Its position can be shifted in a moment, at his will, by the proper use of the handles, acting upon the mechanism that governs it with such nice precision as to enable him to hit the smallest perceptible point in the field of remote space. The telescope itself is 26 ft. long; and, though some are far more powerful, few are more completely mounted, or more suitably provided for their special work.

THE BASUTO WAR.

The South African problem, which may be regarded as one of the greatest difficulties, after the Irish and the Eastern problems, that British statesmen have now to deal with, is far from having been settled by the Zulu War, as Sir Bartle Frere's admirers professed to believe. Its worst feature, as Earl Grey well shows in this month's *Nineteenth Century*, is that a small community of European colonists should have been allowed to assume dominion over an enormously greater number of different native tribes, covering a vast extent of outer territories, and very remote from the colonial seat of government. The military forces of England can no longer be made available for the purposes of the Capetown Ministry, Sir Bartle Frere being recalled, and the Transvaal and Natal administrations having enough to with the care of their own provinces. Mr. Gordon Sprigg, who was placed in office by the arbitrary and unconstitutional act of the late Governor, summarily dismissing his predecessor, Mr. Molteno, the Minister then enjoying Parliamentary confidence, has plunged into a fresh war, probably leading to a series of wars, for which the colonial forces seem to be quite insufficient. The attempt to enforce the disarmament of the Basutos, loyal subjects and serviceable allies of Government in former wars, had been strongly disapproved by Sir Garnet Wolseley, as well as by the Queen's Government in England. It was persisted in, apparently, with a view to provoke this conflict, and to furnish a political pretext for the confiscation of more of the native lands.

One of the chief incidents of the recent desultory and inconclusive campaign was the capture by the Basutos, on Oct. 10, of the frontier settlement of Maseru, which is situated on the Caledon river, in Basutoland, on the frontier of the Orange River Dutch Republic. The Residency at Maseru, the abode of Commandant Griffith, appointed to act as civil magistrate among the natives, together with Fort Gordon and the retail trade stores of Messrs. Irvine and Co., did not fall into the enemy's hands. The church and school-house, with the schoolmaster's house, and other buildings of English



NIGHT WORK AT GREENWICH OBSERVATORY: THE GREAT EQUATORIAL TELESCOPE.

settlers or traders, were burnt by the Basutos in the night after they got possession. It was impossible to defend them, as their site is commanded by a rocky plateau, about 400 yards long and 1000 yards broad, rising close behind. The garrison has since been relieved, and the place reoccupied, after some fighting, by a portion of the forces under command of Colonel Bayly. We present, on our front page, three Illustrations of Maseru, the Basuto attack, and the burning of the church and school-house, from Sketches by Mr. J. N. Hodson.

On the other hand, the storming by the Colonial troops of a village which was the residence of Lerothodi, son of Masupha, the chief leader of the hostile Basutos, is the subject of our Extra Supplement large Engraving. This place is a few miles distant from Mafeteng, where a small colonial garrison had successfully held out against previous hostile attacks. It was on Friday, Oct. 22, that Lerothodi's village was captured after a sharp fight in the open field; the troops engaged were Cape Mounted Rifles (a newly raised colonial corps, not to be confounded with the old regiment of the same name); the Capetown Rifle Volunteers (Duke of Edinburgh's Corps); a few of the Port Elizabeth Volunteer Rifles, and some Mounted Yeomanry; with one seven-pounder gun. One man killed on their side, and half a dozen wounded, against two hundred and fifty of the Basutos killed and disabled, was the estimate of losses respectively; but the Basutos were entirely defeated and put to flight. Our Illustration is from a Sketch by Bugler Long, of the Capetown Volunteers, forwarded to us by Mr. Dennis Edwards, of Capetown.

THE CHURCH.

PREFERMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

A'sop, Arthur R., to be Vicar of Acton Trussell and Bednall.
Batty, George Staunton; Vicar of North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.
Black, Charles N.; Incumbent of St. James's, Aberdeen.
Blackburne, Henry J.; Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral.
Blakiston, Robert; Organising Secretary to the Additional Curates Society
Boys, Archdeacon; Vicar of Hildenborough, near Tonbridge.
Bush, Robert Wheeler; Rector of St. Alphage, London-wall, for the Dioceses of Canterbury, Winchester, and Chichester.
Bushby, W. B.; Canon of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh.
Crozier, J. A.; Vicar of Weston, near Crewe.
Danks, G. W.; Vicar of Morton, Gainsborough.
Deakin, Keelinge Addison; Perpetual Curate of Cofton Hacket.
Dudley, William Dudley Waddell; Vicar of St. Stephen's, Herts.
Edwards, E. S.; Vicar of Misterton, near Crewkerne, Somerset.
Evans, Edward Muirhead; Vicar of Sandgate.
Evans, J. L.; Incumbent of St. Peter's Church, Peebles.
Fleming, James Atkinson Bulman; Rector of St. Peter's, Reckland, Norwich.
Fountaine, J.; Chaplain of the Bristol City and County Lunatic Asylum.
Gillam, John; Rector of Chelmsworth, Suffolk.
Goody, C. J.; Curate of St. Marylebone; Vicar of Whetstone.
Green, F. C.; Vicar of All Saints', Denmead, near Horndean, Hants.
Greenhow, Edward; Vicar of North Gosforth, near Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Harries, Evan; Incumbent of Christ Church, Pendlebury.
Hill, Walter Blachford; Rector of Chettle, Dorset.
Hill, W. A.; Vicar of St. Andrew and St. Mary Magdalen, Maidenhead.
Hill, Geoffry; Curate of St. John's-the-Evangelist, Edinburgh.
Houblon, T. H. A.; Vicar of Peasemore; Vicar of Wantage.
Hutchinson, C. R.; Vicar of Pilstone; Vicar of Eddlesborough, Bucks.
Johnson, John Allen; Rector of New Radnor.
Kearney, T. N.; Vicar of Throwley, near Faversham.
Little, Sydney H.; Organising Secretary to the Additional Curates Society for the Dioceses of London, St. Alban's, and Rochester.
Matthews, James; Archdeacon of Warwick.
Moore, Henry Dawson; Domestic Chaplain to his Grace the Duke of Leeds.
Mould, Francis Thomas; Rector of Quenington.
Powell, T.; Curate of Probus, Cornwall; Vicar of Ramsgill, Yorks.
Rand, Edgar Henry; Vicar of St. Michael's, Buslingthorpe, Leeds.
Ranken, Arthur; Dean of the United Diocese.
Robinson, Arthur J.; Rector of Whitechapel.
Silver, Edgar; Vicar of Highfield (Portswood), Southampton.
St. John, F.; Vicar of Kempsford, near Fairford
Smith, John; Vicar of Lyme Regis, Dorset.
Stormonth, J.; Assistant-Curate of St. John-the-Evangelist's, Edinburgh.
Swan, Richard; Vicar of West Peckham, near Tonbridge.
Thomas, Henry; General Preacher in the Diocese of Chichester.
Tindall, R. Abbey; Rector of Cowden, near Edenbridge, Kent.
Tufnell, Frederick; Rector of Fryerning.
Warman, J. S.; Vicar of Blackmoor, Alton, Hants.
Whitting, William Henry, Rector of Stower Provost; Rural Dean of the First Portion of the Deanery of Shaftesbury.—*Guardian.*

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London and most of the Bishops of England and Wales met on Tuesday at London House, St. James's-square, and sat for several hours. The Archbishop of York was unavoidably absent, being at Biarritz for his health.

The Duke of Devonshire presided at a meeting held at Derby on the 2nd inst., in support of the objects of the Lichfield Diocesan Church Extension Society. His Grace advocated the erection of mission churches and the provision of increased help in the shape of lay agency. Afterwards his Grace gave £1000, the Marquis of Hartington £200, and Mr. R. S. Sitwell £250 towards the objects of the society.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has written a letter in support of an appeal for funds made on behalf of the National Society, which has now for seventy years been endeavouring to promote the religious education of the people in the principles of the Church of England. Two millions of children are already under instruction through its instrumentality.

The Church of St. Faith, Overbury, which has been recently restored, has been presented with five stained-glass windows. Four of these, the gift of Mr. John Martin, have been designed and executed by Messrs. Burlison and Grylls; and the fifth, given by the late Miss Penelope Whitcombe, is by Messrs. Heaton, Butler, and Bayne. An oak eagle lectern, from the studio of Messrs. Keith, has been given to St. Margaret's, Alston, in the parish of Overbury, by Miss Levett, who has also presented the same church with a turret clock, manufactured by Messrs. Howlett. The east window of East Garston, Berks, has been filled with stained glass by Messrs. Lavers, Barraud, and Westlake. Along the base is the inscription:—"To the honour of God and in memory of all the saints this window is dedicated by Martha Gray (born Palmer), aged ninety-one."

Sir Theodore Martin has been elected Lord Rector of St. Andrew's by 113 votes against 68 given to Mr. E. A. Freeman.

A meeting of the Convocation of the new Victoria University was held at Owens College yesterday week—Dr. Greenwood presiding. A resolution was received from the associates of the college, expressing their gratification at the creation of the University, and pledging themselves to perform their part in maintaining the welfare, dignity, and fame of the University and promoting its objects. Standing orders for the regulation of the proceedings of Convocation were adopted, and the Rev. C. J. Poynting was appointed clerk.

Some singular statements were made yesterday week at Bow-street in the case of the alleged fraud by Spiritualists. The prosecutrix, Mrs. Hart-Davies, is said to have been persuaded by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher that they had received messages from the spirit of her deceased mother, and one of these messages was that Mrs. Davies should give all her valuables to the Fletchers, which she did, thus disposing of diamonds, sapphires, pearls, plate, and lace, worth about £4000. The Fletchers took her with them to America, where Mrs. Davies found she had been duped. Mrs. Fletcher was apprehended at Greenock, brought before Mr. Flowers yesterday week, and remanded for a week.

PARISIAN SAYINGS AND DOINGS.

(*From our own Correspondent.*)

Paris, Tuesday, Dec. 7.

During the past week the *tout Paris* of the theatres has been busily engaged almost every night. On Wednesday "La Korrigane," a new ballet by François Coppée and Widor, was produced at the Opera; on Friday a comedy by Edmond Gondinet, "Les Braves Gens," was played at the Gymnase; on Saturday Auguste Vacquerie's piece, "Jean Baudry," was revived at the Comédie Française; on Monday a new comedy by Sardou was brought out at the Palais Royal; and to-night "Rataplan" will be played at the Variétés, while the Comédie Française will resume its aristocratic subscription "Tuesdays," which are frequented by the old subscribers to the now vanished Italian Opera. In this list of novelties there is only one failure—namely, the "Braves Gens" at the Gymnase. The new ballet at the Opera is charming, and Sardou's new comedy is one of the gayest and cleverest pieces that has been played on the French stage for many years. Its title is "Divorçons!" The success of the piece last night was immense and unquestioned. Having been written for the Palais Royal, the comedy contains some *mots* which an English audience would find somewhat highly seasoned. Report says that M. Sardou wrote most of the piece while he was preparing his discourse on the Monthyon prizes for virtue. The seriousness of this speech made it necessary for him to dilate his spleen beyond measure, hence the high pressure gaiety of "Divorçons!"

Apropos of "Divorçons!" the third act of which passes in a private room of a restaurant, it may be noticed for the benefit of the future historian of French manners that people of fashion in Paris no longer dine at a restaurant. The word "restaurant" is vulgar and bad tone. Nowadays, *on dîne au cabaret.* Bignon, Vachette, and the Maison d'Or . . . *cabarets! Qu'on se le dise.*

The Parliament has been tranquil and industrious during the past week. The Senate has been voting the Budget, and the Chamber, besides transacting much important business, has begun the debate on the bill for making primary instruction in France compulsory and secular. No measure could be more needful, for in France at the present moment there are some 600,000 children who receive no instruction whatever. Nevertheless, it may be expected that the bill will be violently opposed by the clerical party. Two Parliamentary Committees of Inquiry have been sitting during the past few days; one to examine the affair of Lieutenant Marceron, the brutal commander of the Prison des Chantiers at Versailles during the Commune, the other to inquire into the affair of General de Cissey. Both these inquiries, it may be remembered, have been necessitated by the incessant charges of the returned Communists. As far as can be seen at present, the accusers have not been very successful in proving their charges.

A Japanese funeral is a novelty to the Parisians. The craze for Japanese silks, Japanese porcelain, Japanese *bibelots* has long been at its height in Paris. Only a few weeks ago a prominent blue-stocking invited *tout Paris* to a conference on the Japanese stage, which was illustrated in her salon by an ingenious draughtsman. The Parisians, with their traditional consciousness and admiration of their own merit, have christened the Japanese "the Parisians of the East." In short, there is a strong current of sympathy between the Parisians and the Japanese. You may imagine, then, the excitement in the section of society known as *tout Paris* when it was announced that M. Sameshina (Jushie-Naonobou), the little Japanese Ambassador, was dead. The little gentleman, who died last Saturday of a pulmonary malady, at the age of thirty-seven, was very popular amongst his diplomatic colleagues, and his receptions were highly esteemed. He had, indeed, with the singular facility of his race, become thoroughly Europeanised. The funeral took place this morning at ten o'clock, in the presence of *tout Paris.* That was a matter of course. *Tout Paris* is sympathetic and good-hearted, but curious, excessively curious. According to the Japanese custom, only men had been invited to the funeral, but the feminine element of *tout Paris* protested, and at the last moment about a hundred invitations were sent out to ladies. The crowd which assembled to see the funeral was immense. The Japanese custom is to use scarlet drapery for funerals. The Paris "Pompes Funèbres," admirably organised as it is, could not provide hangings of this colour, and so the Embassy in the Avenue Marçeau was hung with black. Instead of a *chapelle ardente* a *champ mortuaire* was arranged, with a profusion of shrubs, flowers, trees, and Japanese lanterns. The funeral procession was more European than Japanese. There was a hearse, drawn by six horses, and the pall-bearers were the German, Spanish, Belgian, and Swiss Ambassadors. The body was buried in Montparnasse cemetery. Before the coffin was lowered into the vault, all the Japanese passed before it, bowed, and threw leaves on it. This touching farewell ceremony excited the liveliest curiosity amongst the Europeans present.

Sarah Bernhardt has been described as the "best advertised woman in the world." At the present moment she has a formidable rival in M. Ferdinand de Lesseps, the hero of Suez and Panama. The issue of the Panama Canal shares is accompanied with a beating of drums, almost unparalleled in the history even of French advertising. You cannot take up a French newspaper without finding a long panegyric of M. de Lesseps, of Madame de Lesseps, and all the little Lesseps, the last-born of which was baptised last Sunday, by the Bishop of Panama, and who, with unheard-of precocity, already pronounces the words *papa-nama.* If M. de Lesseps goes to the theatre all eyes, say the journals, are fixed not on the stage, but on the pioneer of Panama. The Parisian press, as is well known, is, with few exceptions, far from incorruptible; on the contrary, it is very partial to timely gifts of fully-paid-up shares. But the present outburst of "puffing" is really phenomenal. One financial company has hit upon a very new idea to coax subscribers. It offers gold, silver, and bronze medals to all who subscribe for their Panama shares at its offices. If the speculating joint-stock mania continues much longer, every house in Paris will have to have its own bank, just as it now has its door-porter. T. C.

The following communication from the Inland Revenue Office will set at rest a question relating to the income tax, which has been receiving some discussion recently:—"Sir,—I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to inform you that, in the case of chief rents, if income tax at the rate of 5d. in the pound only was deducted in respect of the quarter ended June, 1880, the Act 43 and 44 Vic., cap. xx. (the Inland Revenue Act, 1880), sec. 51 provides that the duty shall be deemed to be payable at the rate of 5d. in the pound for the quarter to Michaelmas, and at the rate of 7d. in the pound for the other half year. It follows that, as a payment for the half year to Christmas, 1880, will comprise one quarter at 5d. and one quarter at 7d., the deduction will be at 6d. in the pound on the whole, and that 7d. in the pound will have to be deducted in respect of the quarter to Lady Day, 1881. (Signed) FRED. B. GARNET.

FOREIGN AND COLONIAL NEWS.

ITALY.

The Chamber of Deputies has been discussing the budget of the Ministry of Agriculture. In the course of the debate Signor Toscanelli, the distinguished entomologist, declared that American mildew was more destructive to vines than phylloxera, and that it had spread very considerably in Italy. The Estimates of the Ministry of the Interior were approved on Tuesday.

SPAIN.

The Princess of the Asturias, eldest sister of the King, while out with the Madrid Hunt Club on Sunday, was thrown from her saddle by the horse stumbling in a rabbit-hole. She fell on her head and sustained a considerable bruise, but she remounted after her hurt had been dressed, and took part in the chase during the whole afternoon. The same evening the Princess went to the Italian Opera, and on Monday was reported to be doing well.

King Alfonso has signed a decree convoking the Cortes for Dec. 30.

Owing to the heavy fall of rain, serious floods have occurred in Malaga. Two persons have been killed by lightning.

GERMANY.

The German Empress has arrived at Berlin from Coblentz.

The Census of the German Empire was taken on the 1st inst.

The German army and navy estimates demand considerably enlarged credits, the increase of the navy amounting to 3,000,000 marks.

The anti-Jewish agitation continues in Prussia.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Daily News* says that the Duke of Brunswick has greatly displeased the Prussian Court by sending a congratulatory telegram to the partisans of the Duke of Cumberland, who celebrated in Hanover last week the birth of a son and heir of the family.

The German Academy of Architecture has declined to take in hand the completion of the Cathedral of Strasbourg. This resolution was arrived at after five hours of animated debate.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

The King has accepted the resignation of Dr. Forssell, the Minister of Finance. Count Posse assumes the portfolio of Finance in addition to his present office of Minister of State. M. Themptander, one of the chiefs of department, will be appointed Councillor of State with a consultative voice.

SWITZERLAND.

M. Anderwert, of Thurgau, has been elected President, and M. Droz Vice-President, of the Confederation.

The greater part of the village of Flasch, in the Engadine, was burnt down on Sunday.

HOLLAND.

The First Chamber has unanimously voted the East Indian Budget for 1881. The Second Chamber discussed on Tuesday the Foreign Affairs Estimates.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

In the sitting of the Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath on the 2nd inst. the Government introduced a bill for the construction of a railway through the Bosna Valley from Sicuica to Serajevo, a bill approving the treaty of commerce with Spain, and bills authorising the continued levying of the taxes until the end of next March, and the issue of paper rente to the amount of 14,500,000 fl. In last Saturday's sitting, a motion of Herr Wurmbrand to declare German to be the language of the State was referred to a Committee. A motion of Dr. Herbst for the appointment of a Committee to examine the ordinance relative to the language to be employed in official matters was also referred to a Committee.

In last Saturday's sitting of the Lower House of the Hungarian Diet the financial law of 1881 was adopted, though both groups of the Opposition voted against it.

A fresh violent shock of earthquake, lasting two seconds, occurred in Agram on Tuesday night. Subterranean rumblings followed the shock, and continued to be heard throughout the night. As on the last occasion, the shock was accompanied by distant storms and preceded by a slight vibration.

RUSSIA.

The Emperor arrived at St. Petersburg yesterday week. As usual, he made a brief stay at the Kasan Cathedral, and then drove in a close carriage to the Winter Palace. He was met at the railway station by the Cesarewitch and Cesarevna, and the Ministers, and on alighting was received with cheers.

An Imperial ukase has been issued, which abolishes the salt tax, an impost that yielded sixteen millions of roubles.

TURKEY.

All the Powers having agreed to the proposal of her Majesty's Government that the fleets assembled at Cattaro should separate after mutually intercommunicating their respective destinations, the *Times* and *Daily News* state that Admiral Seymour received orders to give the signal to part company. The British ships were the first to leave, and they were saluted with fifteen guns by every vessel. The Austrian squadron and the German ship Victoria formed an escort of honour to the British Admiral's ship. The French, Italian, and Russian vessels followed.

The International Commission of English, Russian, and Italian engineers have decided that the fortified position of San Giorgio is to remain in Turkish hands.

Instructions have been received from their respective Governments by the Ambassadors to the Porte of France, Germany, and Austria, to urge the Ottoman Government to act with prudence and reserve in regard to the Greek question, and to intimate, at the same time, that similar representations have been addressed to the Greek Government.

GREECE.

It appears from the statement presented to the Chamber of Deputies on Saturday last that there will be a deficit in the finances of next year of about two millions and a quarter sterling, which is to be covered by loans. In reply to the comments of the Opposition, M. Coumoundouros appealed to members to cease recriminations, the country being now on the eve of a supreme crisis. The Premier, speaking in Sunday's sitting, stated that the Government intended to continue the military and naval preparations, so as to be able to execute the decisions arrived at by the Berlin Conference; at the same time, he would endeavour to attain this object with the help of the European Concert, but would, in every case, reserve his liberty of action.

AMERICA.

The session of the United States Congress opened on Monday, and the President's Message and the annual Ministerial reports were presented. The President strongly urges civil service reform, including the adoption of fixed rules for appointments and dismissals, recommends the creation of a commission to organise a system of competitive examinations, denounces the doctrine that to the victor belongs the spoils, and advocates a divorce between the power of Congress and that of the Executive. The President also dwells upon General Grant's great military services, and

advises Congress to authorise his appointment as Captain-General of the Army.

On Tuesday, the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives unanimously authorized their chairman to amend the refunding Bill now before Congress by inserting 3 per cent wherever the words three-and-a-half per cent occur, the committee believing that the time has arrived when three per cent bonds can be floated at par.

The electoral colleges of the various States of America met in their respective capitals on the 1st inst., and formally voted in accordance with the results of the elections on Nov. 2. The ballots are to be sent in to Washington and counted in the presence of the Congress on Jan. 5. General Garfield has 214 votes, and Mr. Hancock 155.

Mr. Sherman, the Secretary of the Treasury, announces that the interest on the registered Six per Cent Bonds, due on Dec. 31, will be paid, together with the bonds, on presentation for redemption. None of that interest will be paid on schedules.

Signor Salvini made his first appearance in the United States, after seven years' absence, at Philadelphia last week, playing Othello on Monday and Hamlet on Wednesday, at the Arch Street Theatre. The *Times* correspondent says that crowded audiences attended Signor Salvini's performances, and his acting is warmly praised by the American newspaper critics. He plays in Italian, and is supported by a strong American company, who play in English. Signor Salvini was on Thursday week entertained at dinner by the Thursday Club, the social organisation of the Philadelphia journalists. Signor Salvini will continue his performances at Philadelphia next week, after which he will succeed Mdlle. Sarah Bernhardt at Booth's Theatre in New York.

CANADA.

During the five months ending in November last the revenue of the Dominion was 12,000,000 dols., and the expenditure 9,114,000 dols.

A large meeting was held at Halifax yesterday week to consider the question of a winter port, and a resolution was unanimously adopted urging the Dominion Government to give its favourable attention to the matter.

Sixty men belonging to section B of the Canada Pacific Railway have struck in consequence of a reduction of wages.

INDIA.

Telegrams from Bombay announce that the Marquis of Ripon has been suffering from fever, and that his departure for Calcutta, which was fixed for Saturday, had to be postponed until the day following. The Viceroy arrived at Allahabad on Tuesday last, where he was detained by indisposition, arising from an attack of sunstroke. He met with a cordial reception at Poonah on the 2nd, and in the course of a speech which he delivered said India wanted peace and rest in order to devote herself to the improvement of her agriculture and commerce. All the officials are already at Calcutta, except the President of the Council and the Foreign and Military Secretaries. Colonel Chesney, the newly-appointed Military Secretary, arrived at Bombay on Wednesday and at once assumed his office.

The official weather and crop reports for the week ending the 30th ult. described the prospects throughout the empire as, on the whole, good.

Sir John Strachey left Simla on Tuesday, and sails for England on Christmas Day.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

The annual distribution of prizes to the St. George's Corps, Colonel the Hon. C. H. Lindsay's "command," was made before a distinguished company yesterday week at Willis's Rooms. The commanding officer, in making the usual address, congratulated the regiment upon the completion of the twenty-first year of the force. He had greater satisfaction in addressing the regiment on this occasion than he usually had, inasmuch as he believed that it was now in a more healthy condition than it had been for years. The non-efficients had been struck off, and yet the strength of the regiment had been fully maintained, and financially it had improved, notwithstanding that all subscriptions for efficients had been abolished. Then the social pleasures of the members had been considered in the establishment of a club, which would be the means of cementing the old members to the corps in which they had passed their earlier years. The chief winners of the prizes were Private E. Torr, Captain J. B. Johnson, Private D. Milbank, Private Dakin, Private Atkinson, Quartermaster R. Andrews, and the winner of the three-starred badge as "best shot" was Private G. Rosenthall. A ball was afterwards held.

The same evening the Lord Mayor presided at Guildhall at the annual distribution of the prizes awarded for proficiency in shooting, drill, and engineering, to the 1st London Engineers. Lieutenant-Colonel Drew, the commanding officer, said he had to congratulate the corps on the marked success which had attended its efforts during the past year, their numbers, in the first place, having increased from 448 to 513, while their muster at the annual inspection was the largest ever attained on any similar occasion. Of these 513 on Oct. 31 last, 497 were efficient, which was an increase of 83 over their previous return. The prizes were then distributed by the Lord Mayor; Corporal Hazell and Sergeants Lay and Potter receiving those for engineering. Quartermaster-Sergeant Peck and Company Sergeant-Major Collins divided for the best models. Sapper A. J. Kirkup is the best shot in the battalion for the year, and, besides, the badge and three stars, received a silver cup. The other principal winners were Sergeant Belville, Sergeant Coredon, Sapper Noakes, Corporal Bailey, Sergeant-Major Johnson, R.E., and Corporal Uttridge, R.E. The Lord Mayor, having made some genial remarks, presented a handsome piece of plate to Major L'Aker on his retirement—a gift, he said, from the regiment, which expressed both its regret and esteem.

Lord Ranelagh presided last Saturday evening at the annual distribution of prizes to the members of the South Middlesex at the head-quarters of the regiment, Beaufort House, Walham-green. His Lordship, in opening the proceedings, said that everything in connection with the regiment had been in the most satisfactory condition during the past year. In every branch there had been an improvement, the efficients having risen from 750 to 759, the proficients from 95 to 96, and the marksmen from 58 to 66. Sergeant R. Pullman (G.M.) won Lord Ranelagh's prize for the best aggregate score and the championship of the regiment. Corporal Bird took the badge and three stars for "best shot" of the battalion, and other chief winners were Corporal T. Pullman, Lieutenant C. E. Cresswell, Sergeant A. Goodban, and Quartermaster-Sergeant Bacchus. The ceremony was followed by a ball in the large drill-hall.

Last Sunday there was a large muster of the 1st Surrey Volunteer Artillery, commanded by the Duke of Teck and Colonel Hope, at the morning service at Westminster Abbey. The sermon was preached by Dean Stanley.

Mr. Ritchie, M.P., presided on Monday night, at the Shoreditch Townhall, at the annual distribution of prizes to the Tower Hamlets Rifle Brigade. Lieut.-Colonel Wigram said, the regiment had never been in a better state since its formation. The enrolled strength had advanced from 849 to 903, and the efficients from 751 to 884, Sergeant J. Sage received the first of the battalion prizes. The Holmes, Hoxton, Clapton, and Philharmonic cups followed. The first of Lieut.-Colonel Holt's prizes for efficiency was awarded to Captain Bennett's (M) Company for 112 efficients out of 116, and the same company took the Thomson Memorial Shield. The regimental cup was awarded to Sergeant J. Sage. There are 30 marksmen, the holder of the rifle and three stars badge being Colour-Sergeant Costin.

The Hon. Mrs. Loyd-Lindsay presented the prizes to the winners of the Hon. Artillery Company on Thursday evening.

The National Rifle Association have issued the details of their scheme for the prevention in future of fraudulent practices at Wimbledon. These consist in the adoption of a little more secrecy in the appointment of markers to butts; and in the squadding of competitors. For the future, all the markers will be changed at mid-day.

MUSIC.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

The specialty of last week—occurring too late for notice until now—was the first performance during this season of Verdi's "Aïda," which was given with the same splendour of scenery and costume as on previous occasions at this establishment; an important repeated feature in the cast having been the Amneris of Madame Trebelli, in which character this excellent artist again sang with special dramatic power. Signor Runcio's Radames was an improvement on his previous performance (last season) in the part, the music of which he gave with great effect. The Aïda of Madame Zacchi displayed similar merits to those which have been recognised in other instances; her best effects having been produced in the most declamatory portions of the music; as in the duet with Amneris, in the second act, the great scene with Amonasro in the third act, and the final duet with Radames in the last act. Signor Aldighieri's Amonasro was a fine performance throughout, vocally and dramatically. He was dignified without being stilted, and fierce without rant—his delivery of the music of the part having been excellent in quality of voice and artistic style. Mr. Barrington Foote (Signor Francescbi) sang well as the King, and Signor Ordinas, as Ramfis, might have sung better than he did. The opera, with some curtailment, was given again on Saturday afternoon, when Signor Vizzani sustained, with efficiency, the part of Radames. Signor Tito Mattei's "Maria di Gand" was announced for the fourth time on Monday, and on Tuesday a repetition of "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" was substituted for the promised performance of "Don Giovanni."

Of the production of Wallace's "Maritana," for the first time in an Italian version, with recitatives in lieu of dialogue (postponed to Thursday), we must speak next week. This will be the last specialty of the season, which is to close this (Saturday) evening.

The performance of "Elijah" by the Royal Albert Hall Choral Society on Thursday week, although a very fine one, calls for only brief notice. The specialty (but no novelty) was the admirable singing of Madame Albani in the principal soprano music, including the Widow's share in the great scene with the Prophet; the air, "Hear ye, Israel," and the leading part in the trio, "Lift thine eyes." Miss Annie Sinclair was a satisfactory second soprano, and the contralto music was divided between Madame Antoinette Sterling and Miss Damian, these ladies having been encored, respectively, in "O rest in the Lord," and "Woe unto them." Mr. V. Rigby gave the tenor solo music as often before—and Mr. Ludwig sang that of the Prophet, in which he was scarcely so successful as in his dramatic performances. Mr. Barnby conducted, and Dr. Stainer presided at the organ—as usual.

We have already drawn attention to the removal of the performances of the Sacred Harmonic Society from Exeter Hall; and the opening of its forty-ninth season at St. James's Hall yesterday (Friday) week. The programme, although a familiar one, was of high and varied interest. The concert began with the first of the two Masses of Beethoven—that in C—and was followed by Mendelssohn's "Lauda Sion," adapted to English words as "Praise Jehovah." These fine works were grandly rendered; the solos in each having been well sung by Mrs. Osgood, Miss Hancock, Mr. H. Guy, and Mr. F. King. The programme closed with the few completed portions of Mendelssohn's unfinished oratorio, "Christus," which, had he lived, would doubtless have formed a worthy companion to his "St. Paul" and "Elijah." The solo portions in this were efficiently rendered by Mrs. Osgood, Mr. Guy, Mr. F. King, and Mr. C. Henry. The chorus-singing was generally good throughout the evening, the reduction of numbers having apparently led to judicious selection. The orchestra is, as before, excellent, including a large number of the best players, with M. Sainton as principal first violin. Sir Michael Costa continues to exercise the office of conductor, as since the year 1848; and Mr. Willing is still the organist.

At the Saturday afternoon Popular Concert Madame Norman-Néruda made her first appearance this season. The accomplished lady violinist led Schumann's quartet in A minor, and played a sonata by Rüst with her usual refinement. Miss Zimmermann introduced Chopin's "Rondo alla Mazur," for piano solo, with much success, and was also heard in Rheinberger's pianoforte quartet. Mr. Santley contributed well-known vocal pieces with great effect. Madame Néruda was again announced for Monday evening's concert, with the same coadjutors in the string quartet party—Mr. L. Ries, Mr. Zerbini, and Signor Piatti—Mdlle. Janotha being the solo pianist, Mr. F. King the vocalist, and Mr. Zerbini (as usual) the accompanist.

The third of the Saturday evening orchestral concerts at St. James's Hall—conducted by Mr. F. H. Cowen—took place last week, when the programme included the first performance here of a Pianoforte Concerto in D major, by Mozart (composed in 1784), Wagner's altered and extended version of the Venusberg music in his "Tannhauser," and a new violin concerto, by Mr. A. H. Jackson. The calm, melodious beauty, and coherent thought of Mozart's music threw into painful contrast the prevailing coarse turbulence of that by Wagner. Mr. Jackson's concerto is rather the ambitious and crude essay of a young student than a composition, properly so called. It received every advantage in M. Sainton's skilful execution of the many difficulties of the solo part, the pianoforte concerto having also been effectively played by Miss Bessie Richards. Vocal pieces were well rendered by Miss M. Davies and Miss Orridge; these and other items of the programme not calling for specific mention.

The greater portion of Spohr's oratorio, "The Last Judgment," was given at St. Paul's Cathedral, in a special Advent service, on Tuesday evening. The important and essential co-operation of an orchestra was dispensed with, the accompaniments having been skilfully rendered on the organ by Dr. Stainer. The choral movements were well sung, as was most of the solo music, the principal soloists having been Masters Whittle and Richardson, and Messrs. Kenningham and Kempton.

Mr. Aptommas, the well-known harpist, gave a recital at Steinway Hall on Tuesday afternoon; the third London Ballad concert of the new season took place at St. James's Hall on Wednesday evening; on the following evening the concert of the students of Madame Arabella Goddard's Pianoforte Academy was held at Steinway Hall; and at the same time an attractive concert was given at St. James's Hall, in aid of the funds of the Post Office Orphan Home.

MUSICAL PUBLICATIONS.

"Music and Musicians: Essays and Criticisms," by Robert Schumann (Reeves). This is a second series of papers by one who was not only a great composer, but also an acute, yet genial, critic. The contents comprise articles on Danish and German opera, symphonies, overtures, and various forms of chamber music, in all which the writer's critical acumen and musical taste are abundantly evidenced. The volume is, like its predecessor, translated, edited, and annotated by Fanny Raymond Ritter, who has performed her task with appreciative judgment and skill, and has furnished a sensible preface to the book.

"Henry Smart: his Life and Works," by William Spark (Reeves). Dr. Spark (organist of the Townhall, Leeds) has here given a copious biography of the excellent English musician, who died in the summer of last year. The volume—written by an appreciative friend, who is also an eminent musician—gives a full account of Smart's early career and progress, of his remarkable powers as a performer on the organ (extempore or otherwise), and of his works in nearly every form of composition, the list of which occupies upwards of twenty pages. Many of these are ably commented on and analysed by Dr. Spark, illustrated by quotations in music type. Among the most important of Smart's works may be specified one opera completed, "Berta; or, the Gnome of Hartsberg" (performed at the Haymarket Theatre about twenty-five years ago); two unfinished operas, "The Siege of Calais" and "Undine;" and his cantatas, "The Bride of Dunkerron" and "King René's Daughter." His innumerable vocal compositions, songs, duets, trios, &c., will long continue in vogue where refined melody and graceful style are appreciated. In the list of Smart's productions given at the end of the volume, and believed by Dr. Spark to be complete, there is one omission—the "Echo" song, composed by Mr. Smart to lines written by J. Latey (with illustrations by S. Read), which appeared in our Christmas Number for 1869.

"Templeton and Malibran" (Reeves). This small volume consists of reminiscences of two stage vocalists who obtained a wide celebrity during the earlier half of the present century, the career of each being traced from its commencement. Anecdotes, letters, and newspaper critiques are interspersed; and three authentic photographic portraits are given—two of Mr. Templeton (in 1868 and 1879), and one of Madame Malibran, taken, apparently, not long before her death, in 1836.

Signor Ciro Pinsuti's successful songs, "The Linnet's Answer," "The Bugler," "Good Speed and Welcome," and "In the Sweet of the Year," are issued by Mr. Williams, of Paternoster-row, in various keys, so as to suit voices of any compass or register.

From Messrs. Ashdown and Parry we have "To the Clouds," song, by J. W. Elliott, the melody of which is agreeable and flowing, and would especially suit a mezzo-soprano or contralto voice. The same publishers also issue "In the Spring," two pleasing impromptus for the pianoforte, by J. Weingaertner, and "Hommage à Mozart," by J. B. Calkin, a pianoforte duet, which will interest young performers.

"Trois Morceaux de Salon pour Violon et Piano," par Aloys Kettenus (Forsyth Brothers) are headed respectively "Tyrolienne," "Mélodie," and "Sicilienne." They are well written for the violin, which has the prominent part—and of which instrument Mr. Kettenus is an eminent professor—and will enable performers of moderate skill to make a good show of execution. "Vilanelle," for the same instruments, by the same composer, is a cleverly written "canon," in which a prominent theme is skilfully varied.

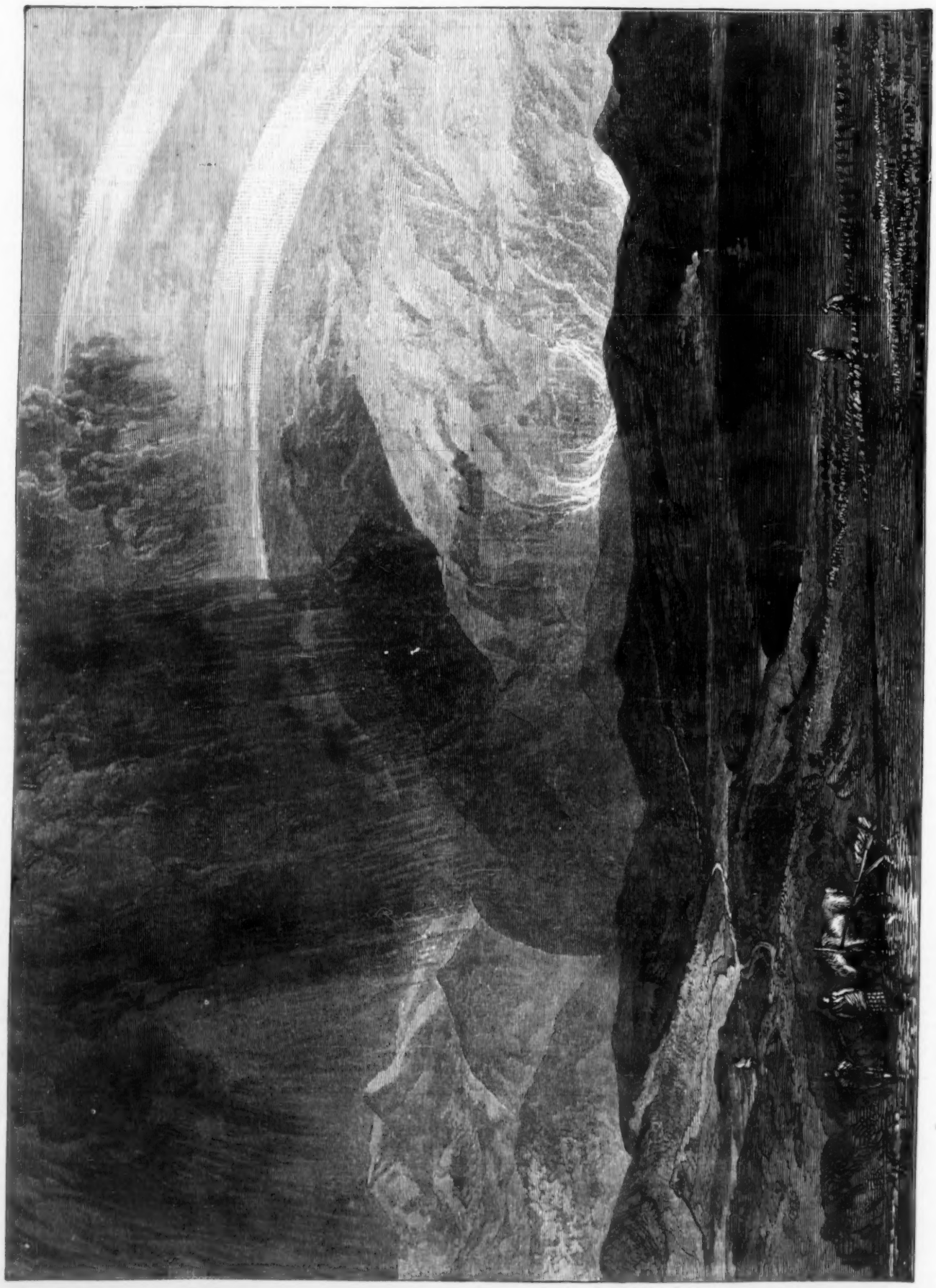
"Suite de Pièces," by H. Stiehl (Goddard and Co.) consists of ten easy and melodious little movements for the pianoforte, which will not only interest young students, but will also afford improving practice. The same publishers have brought out "A Wrist and Finger Exercise in a Single Study," by A. Buhl. In the compass of five pages only there are exercises on some of the principal difficulties of pianoforte playing, the diligent practice of which cannot fail to lead to improvement.

The great success of Signor Boïto's opera "Mefistofele" (brought out by Mr. Mapleson at Her Majesty's Theatre last July) has led not only to the publication of separate numbers of the vocal music, but also to pianoforte arrangements in the shape of dance pieces: a "Waltz," "Mazurka," "Polka," "Quadrille," and "Galop" having been issued by the publishers, Messrs. Ricordi, of Milan and London.

A PEAT BOG IN SCOTLAND.

In this drawing by J. M. W. Turner, from the "Liber Studiorum," those who are familiar with the south-western part of Scotland, where tracts of "moss" frequently occur, as on the shores of the Solway, and in some inland districts at the foot of the mountains, will no doubt be struck by the force and truth of his delineation of the effect here represented. It is that of the sudden termination of a storm, when the masses of black cloud, still raining heavily, withdraw, all together, to the left-hand side, falling back on the mountains; while a double rainbow is thrown up by the declining sun; the dark masses beyond, as yet indistinctly looming to the vision, through huge wreaths and sheets of vapour, have a weird sublimity that is most impressive. The peat bog itself, lying in a perfect level to the right hand, sets off by its horizontal lines the mighty dome-like forms of the upper mountains, as well as the sweep of bare, bleak, rising moorland that ascends directly opposite the spectator. A plough, attended by a man and woman dressed in tartan plaid, and two other figures of peasantry, are seen in the foreground.

A new wing at the Soldiers' Daughters' Home, Hampstead, was opened yesterday week, in the presence of a number of the friends of the charity. General Sir Edward Hodge, who presided, said that this institution was founded in 1855, and the opening ceremony performed by the late Prince Consort in 1858. The present number of girls in the Home was 186, the total number of those who had received its benefits being over 800, of whom more than 350 had been sent to service. Major-General Boileau, who had been chairman of the House Committee for eighteen years, had superintended the erection of the new wing, which, in consideration of his services to the Home, the committee had resolved to call the Boileau Wing.



TURNER'S LIBER STUDIORUM: "PEAT BOG IN SCOTLAND," BY J. M. W. TURNER, R.A.—SEE PAGE 567.

"FAREWELL! REMEMBER ME!" BY F. WALKER.—SEE NEXT PAGE.

THE COURT.

Her Majesty has been busy since her arrival at Windsor in entertaining numerous guests, both socially and politically. Of those who have joined the Royal circle have been Princess Louise of Lorne, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princesses Victoria and Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, the Duke and Duchess of Teck; also the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, Earl and Countess Sydney, Earl and Countess Granville, the Earl of Kimberley, Sir Bartle and Lady Frere, Sir Hercules Robinson, the Hon. Lady Biddulph, Colonel Macpherson (Bengal Staff Corps), Colonel Keith Fraser (commanding the Windsor garrison), Sir Henry Ponsonby, Sir William Jenner, Sir John and Lady Cowell, and the ladies and gentlemen in waiting of the Household and of the Royal visitors. The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone and Mrs. Gladstone were prevented from attending at Windsor.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice visited the Hon. Lady Ponsonby last Saturday.

Divine service was performed on Sunday in the private chapel of the castle by the Rev. James Fleming, Canon Residentiary of York, and Vicar of St. Michael's, Charterhouse-square, her Majesty and the Princess being present.

On Monday her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, paid a visit to the Empress Eugénie at Camden House. The journey was made from and to Windsor by special train over the South-Western and South-Eastern Railways. Earl Sydney met the Queen at Chiselhurst Station and accompanied her first to St. Mary's Church, which contains the tombs of the Emperor Napoleon III. and the Prince Imperial, and then to Camden House. Her Majesty, after staying an hour with the Empress Eugénie, returned to Windsor to luncheon.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice came to London on Tuesday and visited the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace. The Duke of Cambridge went to Windsor on a visit to her Majesty. The Lord Chancellor and Lady Selbourne, Generals Whitmore and Beauchamp Walker and Colonel Gough, joined the Royal party at dinner.

The Hon. Caroline Cavendish and the Hon. Harriet Phipps have succeeded the Hon. Frances Drummond and the Hon. Ethel Cadogan as Maids of Honour; and Lord Methuen, Admiral Lord Frederic Kerr, and Colonel Sir John Carstairs M'Neill, have succeeded Lord Sandhurst, Captain Edwards, and Colonel the Hon. H. Byng as Lord, Groom, and Equerry in Waiting to her Majesty.

Mr. J. W. Benson has submitted for her Majesty's inspection a silver model made in imitation of the Albert Memorial for the late Siamese Embassy.

THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

The usual tenants' ball in honour of the Princess of Wales's birthday was given yesterday week at Sandringham, the birthday having been celebrated in the customary manner by the school-children's tea after their Royal Highnesses and their guests had returned from hunting with the West Norfolk Hounds, the meet of which was at Anmer, the seat of Mr. H. J. Coldham; and in the evening Dr. Holden, prestidigitateur, gave an entertainment at Sandringham. The invitations to the ball, besides the tenantry of the Royal estates, included those of the Earl of Leicester (Holkham), the Marquis Townshend (Raynham), the Marquis of Cholmondeley (Houghton), Lady Andrey Howard (Castle Rising), Lord Suffield (Gunton), Lord Orford (Manington), Lord Spencer (Creake), Lord Walsingham (Merton), Lord Hastings (Melton Constable), Mr. Anthony Hamond (Westacre), and Mr. H. Villebois (Marham). The band of the Prince of Wales's Own Norfolk Artillery Militia was in attendance. The Duke of Cambridge concluded his visit on Saturday. The Prince and Princess and their remaining guests drove to Gayton, the seat of the Earl of Romney, to the meet of the West Norfolk Hounds. On Sunday their Royal Highnesses, with Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maud, with the house party, attended Divine service at Sandringham church, the Rev. F. Hervey and the Rev. Arthur Robins officiating. The Prince came to town on Monday for the purpose of visiting the Smithfield Club Cattle Show at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. On Tuesday his Royal Highness presided at a meeting of his Council, held at the office of the Duchy of Cornwall, Buckingham-gate.

The Duchess of Edinburgh, with her Royal visitors, inspected Canterbury Cathedral last week. The Duke of Edinburgh, after his shooting entertainment, sent presents of game to St. George's and Charing-cross Hospitals, to the Dreadnought, and to other institutions.

The Duke of Cambridge entertained General Sir Frederick Roberts and a party of military officers at dinner at Gloucester House, Park-lane, on Monday.

The Duchess of Teck was present on Monday at a lecture upon the artistic aspects of needlework, delivered to the pupils at the Royal School of Art-Needlework, South Kensington, by Lady Marian Alford, vice-president of the institution.

Her Excellency Lady Cowper arrived at Dublin Castle on Sunday.

His Excellency Count Karolyi has arrived at the Austrian Embassy, Belgrave-square, from Vienna. The Countess Karolyi remains in Hungary.

The Earl and Countess of Dufferin left town on Tuesday for Paris.

Tuesday's *Gazette* contains the following:—"The Queen has been pleased to recognise the claim of Charles Colmore Grant, Esq., to the title of Baron de Longueüil, of Longueüil, in the province of Quebec, Canada. This title was conferred upon his ancestor, Charles de Moyne, by letters patent of nobility, signed by King Louis XIV., in the year 1700."

FASHIONABLE MARRIAGES.

The Hon. Thomas H. A. E. Cochrane, Scots Guards, younger son of the Earl of Dundonald, was married to Lady Gertrude Julia Georgina Boyle, eldest daughter of the Earl of Glasgow, on the 2nd inst. A body of the non-commissioned officers of the first battalion Scots Guards was present in the church. Lord Greenock was best man. The bridesmaids were Lady Elizabeth Cochrane, Miss Janet Sinclair, Lady Esther Cochrane, the Hon. Ada Trefusis, Miss Elizabeth Forbes, Miss F. Cochrane, Miss Marian Cartwright, and Miss Marian Dundas. The bride wore a dress of white satin, trimmed with old Honiton lace, and veil of the same fabric; natural orange-flowers in her hair, and a tiara of pearl stars, the gift of her parents; her only other jewel being a diamond bracelet, presented to her on her marriage by the tenantry on the Hawkhead estates. The bridesmaids were attired in pale blue surat, trimmed with plush of the same colour and white lace, and each wore a pearl arrow brooch with the monograms of the bride and bridegroom entwined, set with pearls, coral, and turquoise, presented by the bridegroom. The Bishop of Argyle and the Isles, assisted by the Rev. H. Richardson, Chaplain to the Earl of Glasgow, officiated. After the breakfast at the Earl and Countess of Glasgow's residence in Hereford-gardens, the newly-married couple left for Croxton Park, the seat of Mr. and Lady Alice Newton, brother-in-law and sister of the bridegroom, in Cambridgeshire, for their honeymoon. The bride's travelling-dress was of ruby velvet, with jacket to correspond, trimmed with sable, and hat and muff of velvet to match. During breakfast numerous telegrams of congratulations were received from Scotland. Valuable presentations of jewels and plate were made to the bride by the tenantry on the Earl of Glasgow's estates; and chief among the bridegroom's gifts was, from his brother officers of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, a massive silver centre piece.

Last Saturday at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, the marriage of the Hon. W. St. John F. Brodrick, M.P., eldest son of Viscount Midleton, and the Hon. Hilda Charteris, youngest daughter of Lord Elcho, M.P., and granddaughter of the Earl of Wemyss and March, took place. The bridesmaids were the Hon. Augusta and Hon. Helen Brodrick, sisters of the bridegroom; Lady Eva Greville, cousin of the bride; Lady Victoria Spencer and the Misses Evelyn and Constance Pelly, nieces of the bride. The bride wore a dress of duchesse satin trimmed with Brussels lace, and over a wreath of orange-blossoms a Brussels lace veil. Her jewels were pearls and diamonds. The bridesmaids were attired in dresses of crimson cashmere, plush and satin, and each wore a brooch with the word "Hilda" on it in diamonds. The Hon. Alfred Lyttelton was best man. The ceremony was performed by the Hon. and Rev. Adelbert J. R. Anson, Rector of Woolwich, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Hon. and Rev. Alan Brodrick, Vicar of Godalming, uncle of the bridegroom. Lord and Lady Elcho afterwards entertained the near relatives at breakfast at their residence in St. James's-place. The bride and bridegroom left for Osborne, Mr. C. Savile Roundell's residence at Fernhurst. The bride's travelling-dress was of crimson plush and satin, with bonnet and jacket to match.

THE RECESS.

Thick as autumn leaves fall the signals that the forthcoming Session will be a busy one with every political party. With his new lease of a town house the Earl of Beaconsfield seems to have entered upon a new lease of life, albeit his Lordship will on the 21st inst. be seventy-five years of age. Mr. Gladstone, whose marvellous energy remains undiminished, notwithstanding that the 29th inst. will be his seventy-first birthday, has convened a Cabinet Council in Downing-street for the middle of next week. And the Proclamation in the *London Gazette*, calling Parliament together on Jan. 6, was duly repeated on Saturday last at the Cross of Edinburgh; and was earlier than that answered in a manner by Sir Stafford Northcote's letter as Leader of the Opposition summoning his Conservative friends to attend the House on the opening day. Inside St. Stephen's, it is understood that the ridiculously inadequate accommodation, if it may be so termed, given grudgingly to the representatives of the Press, will be slightly increased.

The determination of the Government to grapple with the Irish Land question has again been made clear to those who can read between the lines of such speeches as that which Mr. G. O. Trevelyan made at Hawick on Monday, and that which Mr. Jacob Bright favoured an audience at Newton Heath with on Saturday. On the other hand, the arrival from London of the Coldstream Guards, under Colonel Julian Hall, at Dublin on Tuesday, equally indicates the resolve of the Ministry to suppress disorder with a strong hand.

That shining light of the Conservative Party in the House of Commons, Mr. Edward Stanhope, made a good point at Huddersfield on Tuesday. In addressing, with habitual clearness and confidence, a large Conservative gathering, the late Under-Secretary for India—having held office, he has no inducement to join the "Fourth Party"—deprecated any degeneration into abuse of the party in power; but, holding the present Government responsible in a great measure for the non-maintenance of order in Ireland, he especially cited in proof of his argument the fact that whilst all comments on the Crown prosecution of the Land League had been estopped in the Irish Press, "Messrs. Parnell and Co." were still permitted to deliver inflammatory addresses throughout Ireland. That is so. Language of the most violent character against the Lord Chief Justice was indulged in by Mr. Dillon, M.P., at Malahide, on Monday. As for Mr. Parnell, he has been making quite a triumphal progress, having been welcomed to Waterford by an enthusiastic multitude on Sunday, and passing under arches erected in his honour; being presented with the freedom of that city on Monday, and assuring his admirers that ere long an Irish Parliament would assemble in College-green. Meantime, the Dublin *Gazette* has proclaimed County Leitrim to be in need of a larger force of constabulary. At Brookborough, County Fermanagh, it may be added, it was on Tuesday found expedient to disperse a Land League meeting, in spite of the remonstrance of Mr. O'Kelly, M.P. The very same day, "to show there was no ill-feeling," Mr. Parnell hunted with the Marquis of Waterford's fox-hounds.

Mr. James Cropper is the Liberal candidate for Kendal, in place of Mr. Waddy.

ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The following arrangements have been made for Friday evening meetings before Easter, 1881:—Jan. 21 Mr. Warren de la Rue, on the Phenonema of the Electric Discharge with 14,400 Chloride of Silver Cells; Jan. 28, Dr. Andrew Wilson, on the Origin of Colonial Organisms; Feb. 4, Dr. Arthur Schuster, on the Teachings of Modern Spectroscopy; Feb. 11, Professor Robert S. Ball, on the Distances of the Stars; Feb. 18, Sir John Lubbock, on Fruits and Seeds; Feb. 25, Dr. J. S. Burdon-Sanderson, on Excitability in Plants and Animals; March 4, Sir William Thomson, on Elasticity viewed as Possibly a Mode of Motion; March 11, Professor J. S. Blackie; March 18, Dr. William H. Stone, on Musical Pitch; Mr. Alexander Buchan, on the Weather and Health of London; April 1, Sir Henry S. Maine, on the King in his relation to Early Civil Justice; April, 8, Professor Tyndall. On April 15 and 22 (the Fridays in Passion and Easter Weeks) there will be no evening meetings. After Easter the Friday evening meetings will be resumed on April 29, and continued till June 10, without intermission. The Friday arrangements depend in great measure on the free kindness of eminent men, whose time is subject to the sudden claims of public or professional duty. They are therefore liable to change. The discourse for each Friday will be announced in the *Times* of the Tuesday previous, and in the *Illustrated London News* of the previous Saturday.

In the last financial year the stamp duty of 3d. per pack was paid on 1,094,823 packs of playing cards.

It has been decided to establish at Hanley, North Staffordshire, a Court of Quarter Sessions. The first Recorder will be Mr. J. B. Brindley, of the Oxford Circuit and Stafford and Middlesex Sessions. Mr. Brindley, who is a member of Gray's Inn, was called to the Bar in 1869.

"FAREWELL, REMEMBER ME!"

The antiquated style of dress, the short-skirted gown of flowered brocade, a scarf about the shoulders, and a shape of hat worn by the young lady in Mr. F. Walker's drawing, must fix the date of this pathetic scene about the end of the last century. That was a period of severe political and national conflicts, when both Great Britain and Ireland were disturbed by alarming revolutionary conspiracies, to suppress which, notably in 1798, Government had recourse to the most stringent measures in pursuit and punishment of the leaders of rebellious faction. Some parts of Scotland and England, under the Administration of Pitt during the great French War, contained many persons of good social position, who became liable to suspicion as being implicated in plots of a treasonable nature. It may fairly be imagined that, upon such an occasion, a fugitive from the vengeance of the ruling powers, a young gentleman qualified to figure in romances of the "Waverley" genus, might have got to some remote western seacoast, whether in the Hebrides, in Wales, or on the shores of the Channel, there to smuggle himself away on board a contraband vessel, escaping the vigilance of Government cruisers. Let it be supposed, in looking at this picture, that the sly craft which is to convey him to France, there to be received as an exile for the cause of Republican liberty, is just now lurking behind the shelter of a projecting headland. He has gone off from the beach in a fishing-boat, the sail of which is hoisted, as we see, to catch a favouring breeze. On the beach, to take a last fond farewell of him by whom she was loved and wooed ere this thunder-cloud of danger came to pass over his head, stands the impassioned maiden, now left so lonely, a prey to agonising fears and vain regrets. She raises her fluttering kerchief as a parting token of affection to the passenger in the little boat, which must, if not detected and pursued, very soon place him aboard the vessel that waits for his voyage to a foreign shore. We sincerely hope that he will be able to escape in safety, and that she may rejoin him abroad, or that he may some day return with a free pardon, so that this loving pair shall be married, and "live happy ever afterwards."

CHRISTMAS AND NEW-YEAR'S CARDS.

Of the coming of Christmas and New-Year's cards there seems to be no end; and some of the best are left to the last. No sooner have we received specimens from different publishers and pronounced them to be good, than others as good, or better, are sent. More than thirty specimens have been received from Messrs. Marcus Ward and Co., of which it is difficult to decide which are the best. Personally, we incline to the quicter and more delicately-tinted ones; but those of the most brilliant hues are never gaudy. The folding song cards, "Souvenirs of the Season," with original verse and new music by popular composers, are novelties. Several of the designs are by Mr. Walter Crane. The variety is amazing. There are Shakspeare greetings; old couples, youths and maidens, and children, from the pencil of Kate Greenaway; flowers, birds, and butterflies, of course; fairy-like damsels springing out of flowers; elegant calendars; and even dogs are drawn into the service. Art and nature have been ransacked to supply subjects; and it is almost needless, considering who are the providers, to say that all are treated with artistic skill.

Nor must we omit to notice the cards issued by Mr. Raphael Tuck, of City-road, many of which have artistic claims; the designs being by M. Giacomelli, Miss M. E. Edwards, Mr. Oscar Pletsch, and other artists of note, faithfully reproduced by chromo-lithography. Many of them are inclosed in charmingly illustrated "fairy tale" envelopes, printed in colours, leaving ample room for the address. Excellent as these are, they are to be bettered, it seems. Mr. Tuck announces that his book of Christmas and New-Year's cards next season will include every design distinguished either by novelty of treatment or brilliancy in execution, shown among the competitive designs in the exhibition which his liberal offer of prizes recently brought together.

Mr. Harding, of Piccadilly, sends some of his special originalities and comicalities; among which are three packets of hunting incidents, one of them being coloured; quaint children and flowers, coloured; some humorous sketches in lawn tennis, &c.

Lastly, Messrs. Parkins and Gotto publish a set of quaint pen-and-ink sketches for Christmas cards.

ALMANACKS, DIARIES, AND POCKET-BOOKS FOR 1881.

One can scarcely speak too favourably of Messrs. De la Rue's annual publications, of which we have received some beautiful specimens. Every year their pocket-books become more various in form, more convenient, and, if possible, more elegant; the leather-work of the pocket-books being of the most finished character. One of the most novel is folded down the middle of the page, and forms a book in a small case for the waistcoat pocket about the size of a pocket-knife, one inch wide and three long. There are also diaries for the desk, condensed diaries for the purse or the pocket, and card almanacks for the counting-house and the writing-table. The printing in colours is executed with artistic completeness and good taste. Every requirement seems to be met in one or other of these diaries.

Messrs. Marcus Ward and Co. send three Calendars for 1881—A Shakspeare Calendar, with an appropriate quotation for every day in the year; a Motto Calendar for men of business; and a Sacred Calendar, with a text from Scripture for every day, arranged in subjects for each week.

The Victoria (Philosophical) Institute held the first meeting of its new session at its house, 7, Adelphi-terrace, on Monday evening. In the list of the authors of coming papers are many taking a prominent part in science and philosophy.

Among the magazines and serial publications received this month are the twelfth, being the concluding, Part of Mr. Francis George Heath's "Fern Paradise," containing descriptions of the Tunbridge Filmy Fern and the One-sided Filmy Fern, the author's farewell chapter ("L'Envoi"), and a general index to the work; Gilpin's Forest Scenery, also by Mr. Heath; The Squire, Ward and Lock's Universal Instructor, Illustrated, Tinsley's Magazine, Churchman, St. James's Magazine, Argosy, Good Words, Victoria Magazine, St. Nicholas, Science Gossip, Men of Mark, Covent-Garden Magazine, Welcome, Kensington, the Month, Golden Hours, Modern Thought, Examples of Works of Art in Kensington Museum, Biograph, Peep-Show, and Chatterbox; and Monthly Parts of All the Year Round, Once a Week, Leisure Hour, Sunday at Home, Sunday Magazine, Gardeners' Magazine, Gardening Illustrated, Day of Rest, Social Notes, Boy's Own Paper, Girl's Own Paper, Young England, Union Jack, Daisy, and Christian Age. Among the Fashion Books are the World of Fashion, Le Follet, Ladies' Gazette of Fashion, Myra's Journal, Myra's Mid-Monthly, Weldon's Ladies' Journal, and Illustrated Household Journal.

OBITUARY.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR J. W. COLVILE.

The Right Hon. Sir James William Colvile, P.C., of Craigflower and Ochiltree, Fifeshire, a paid member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, died suddenly on the 5th inst. He was born Jan. 12, 1810, the son of Andrew Wedderburn, who assumed the surname of Colvile in lieu of that of Wedderburn by Royal license in 1814, and was grandson of James Wedderburn, of Inveresk (third son of Sir John Wedderburn, fourth Baronet of Ballindean), who succeeded to the Colvile estates in right of his wife, Isabella Blackburn, great-grand-niece of the last Lord Colvile, of Ochiltree. He was educated at Eton, and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated B.A. in 1831, and M.A. in 1834, and was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1835. From 1845 to 1848 he held the office Advocate-General in Calcutta; and, in the latter year, being appointed Judge of the Supreme Court there, received the honour of knighthood by patent. From 1855 to 1859, he was Chief Justice of the same Court, and in 1871 became a paid member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. He married, April 13, 1857, Francis Elinor, daughter of Sir John Peter Grant, K.C.B., G.C.M.G., of Rothiemurchus, and had an only son, Andrew John Wedderburn, born Jan. 30, 1859, who died Nov. 5, 1876.

SIR JOHN MILTON.

Sir John Milton, C.B., late Accountant-General of the Army, died, as stated last week, on the 29th ult., at Bladon-terrace, Streatham-common, aged sixty. He was the son of Mr. Henry Milton, of Heckfield Lodge, Middlesex, was educated at King's College, London, and entered the War Office in 1840. In 1855 he served as Purveyor-in-Chief of the Army in the Crimea, for which he had the Crimean and Turkish War medals; from 1860 to 1871 he was Assistant Accountant-General of the Army, and from 1871 to 1878 Accountant-General. He was frequently employed on Government Commissions on military subjects. In January, 1879, he received the honour of Knighthood, previously, in 1874, having been made a C.B. Sir John married, 1850, Blanche, daughter of Mr. Thomas Meyrick Feild, of Maidstone.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL MARRIOTT.

Lieutenant-General Thomas Beckett Feilding Marriott, Colonel Commandant Royal Artillery, died at his seat Avonbank, near Pershore, on the 25th ult., aged sixty-seven. He was the eldest son of Lieutenant-General Thomas Marriott, of Avonbank, J.P. and D.L., by Anne, his wife, third daughter of Sir John Beckett, Bart., and grandson of Randolph Marriott, H.E.I.C. Civil Service, who distinguished himself in India under Clive, and received a gold medal for the battle of Plassy. In the female line, the late General Marriott descended from Bishops Wilson and Gibson, as well as from the Earls of Denbigh. He entered the Army in 1832, and attained the rank of Lieutenant-General in 1877. From 1866 to 1869 he was Colonel on the Staff in Ireland. General Marriott was a magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant for Worcestershire, and lord of the lordship of Seagrave, county Leicester.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL JAMES SALMOND.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Salmond, of Waterfoot, Cumberland, and Langton Hall, Notts, died at the latter place on the 24th ult., in his seventy-sixth year. He was born June 15, 1805, the eldest son of Major-General James Salmond, by Louisa, sister of Sir David Scott, Bart., and daughter of David Scott, Esq., M.P., Chairman of the Honourable East India Company. He was educated at Rugby, and at Oriel College, Oxford, where he graduated B.A. in 1826. Mr. Salmond obtained his first commission in the 15th Hussars in 1829; he subsequently exchanged to the 2nd Dragoon Guards (Queen's Bays), in which regiment he became Captain. He left the Army in 1839. In 1851 he was appointed Major in the Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry Cavalry, and in 1862 Lieutenant-Colonel. He took great interest in the Volunteer movement, and may be said to have founded the Mansfield Corps. The deceased gentleman was a magistrate for Cumberland, Westmorland, Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire. He married, in 1832, Emma Isabella, youngest daughter of D'Ewes Coke, Esq., of Brookhill Hall, Notts. He leaves six sons and two daughters; the eldest surviving son being Henry, Captain R.N. and J.P. for Nottinghamshire.

MR. STANFORD.

Mr. John Frederick Stanford, F.R.S., formerly M.P. for Reading, died recently at North Bank, Regent's Park, aged sixty-five. Having received his education at Eton, and at Christ's College, Cambridge, he was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1844. Mr. Stanford was a magistrate for the county of Middlesex and a Deputy Lieutenant for Berkshire. He sat in Parliament for a short time as member for Reading, in the Conservative interest, and was the author of several pamphlets treating of the subject of political economy and other kindred topics, besides some works on travels.

MR. C. J. MANNING.

Mr. Charles John Manning, of Littlehampton Manor, Sussex, brother of his Eminence Cardinal Manning, died on the 28th ult., at his town house, 15, Prince's-gardens, in his eighty-second year. He was son of Mr. William Manning, M.P., of Combe Bank, Kent, Governor of the Bank of England, by Mary, his wife, daughter of Mr. Henry Hunter, of Beech Hill, Berks; and received his education at Harrow. He was a Deputy-Lieutenant for London, of which city he was an eminent merchant. Mr. Manning married, first, 1827, Mary, daughter of General Sir Richard Downes Jackson, K.C.B.: and secondly, 1862, Louisa Augusta, eldest daughter of the Rev. Sir Augustus Brydges Henniker, Bart.; and by his first wife leaves issue.

Captain William Guthrie, of Guthrie, late 42nd Regiment (Black Watch), on the 25th ult., at the Rosaire, Dundee. He was born, 1807, the second son of John Guthrie, of Guthrie, Convener and D.L., County Forfar.

Lady Rolt (Anne), widow of Lieutenant-General Sir John Rolt, K.C.B., and youngest daughter and coheiress of Mr. George Caswall, of Sacombe Park, Herts, aged eighty-five. She was married in 1824, and left a widow in 1856.

Mr. James Cosmo Melvill, formerly Assistant Under-Secretary of State at the India Office, on the 1st inst., at Folkestone. He was son of Sir James Cosmo Melvill, K.C.B., and was born in 1821. In 1837 he entered the service of the Hon. East India Company, and from 1858 to 1872 was Assistant Under-Secretary of State. Mr. Melvill married, in 1844, the eldest daughter of Mr. Alfred Hardcastle, of Hatcham House, Surrey.

Clement Augustus, Count Schmising Kerssenbrock, aged seventy-four, at Bornhofen, on the Rhine. This is an ancient monastery of the Franciscans, lately occupied by a brotherhood of Redemptorist monks, who were ejected by Bismarck a few years ago. Count Schmising Kerssenbrock, who held the office of Papal Chamberlain under Pius IX. and Leo XIII., was formerly a cavalry officer in one of the Uhlan regiments, and lately one of the most esteemed members of the Centrum party in the Prussian Parliament, having even suffered imprisonment for the utterance of his opinions on the oppressive May laws. He was elected deputy for Coblentz and St. Goar, where he was much beloved, and bore a very high character for piety and charity. His family is one of the old nobility of Westphalia, reckoning back to the Crusades, where a Count Schmising saved the life of the King of France in the field of battle, for which service he was granted to quarter the lilies of France on his shield, borne to this day by his descendants. The lands of Kerssenbrock came through an heiress of later date. Count Schmising Kerssenbrock married, first, Caroline Walburga, daughter of Count Fürstenberg; and secondly, Anna Maria, daughter of Charles Gordon, Esq., of Abergeldie.

EMBROIDERING IN SUMATRA.

The Malay population of that large island of the East Asiatic Archipelago, separated by the Straits of Malacca from the continental south-eastern peninsula of Asia, still practise their native industrial arts, and have a certain amount of trade, in spite of Dutch and English commercial superiority. The female artisans, who are employed in the decorative embroidery of cloth, made for the petticoat or skirt, called a "sarang," commonly worn by well-to-do customers of both sexes, display a considerable degree of skill and taste. Our Illustration, from a photograph which was to be purchased at Singapore not long ago, represents three or four of these workwomen in Sumatra, each sitting or squatting in front of a frame, upon which the fabric is suspended, and busy with her needle and thread in putting in the designed ornamentation.

The returns of emigration from Liverpool during November have been issued. During the month 85 ships left the Mersey, with 8843 passengers. Of these, 7918 went to the United States, 455 British North America, 26 Australia, 109 South America, 244 East Indies, 29 West Indies, 10 China, and 52 Africa. The nationalities were 3591 English, 81 Scotch, 919 Irish, 3846 foreign, and of the remaining 406 no description is given. These returns, as compared with those for the month of October, show a decrease of 5852, and a decrease of 1298 as compared with the figures for November of last year.

The Registrar-General's weekly return states that during last week 5552 births and 3478 deaths were registered in London and twenty-two other large towns of the United Kingdom. In London 2442 births and 1446 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, the births were 62, and the deaths 322 below the average numbers in the corresponding week of the last ten years. The deaths included 10 from smallpox, 54 from measles, 73 from scarlet fever, 10 from diphtheria, 12 from whooping-cough, 17 from different forms of fever, and 9 from diarrhœa; thus to the seven principal diseases of the zymotic class 185 deaths were referred, against 184 and 198 in the two preceding weeks. These 185 deaths were 79 below the corrected average number from the same diseases in the corresponding week of the last ten years. The deaths referred to diseases of the respiratory organs, which had been 332 and 367 in the two preceding weeks, declined again to 334 last week, and were 170 below the corrected weekly average: 210 resulted from bronchitis and 87 from pneumonia. Different forms of violence caused 64 deaths.

At a conversazione held at the Bible House, Queen Victoria-street, on Tuesday, a large company assembled, on the invitation of the president, treasurer, and committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society, to meet the society's agents from Vienna, Berlin, Brussels, and Paris. The guests in the earlier part of the evening promenaded in the various departments of the Bible House, where were exhibited the bound stock of Scriptures in many languages, and the process of printing in raised type according to Moon's system for the blind, various objects of interest from the library, a collection of autographs of the fathers and founders of the great religious societies lent by Sir Charles Reed, and specimens of the 238 languages and dialects in which the society publishes the Scriptures. Afterwards the company assembled in the library. Lord Shaftesbury took the chair, and after one of the secretaries (the Rev. C. E. B. Reed) had given a short address, in which he reminded those present that this is the jubilee year of the society's Continental agency work, introduced the foreign agents present; and deeply interesting accounts were given of the society's progress. The guests on leaving were each presented with a book in which the 16th verse of the 3rd chapter of St. John is printed in 215 tongues.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED.

BENTLEY AND SON.
Folly Morrison. A Novel. By Frank Barrett. 3 vols.

BLACKWOOD AND SONS.
Descartes. By J. P. Mahaffy.

BOGUE.
Kenna's Kingdom: A Ramble through Kingly Kensington. By R. Weir Brown.

CASSELL, PETTER, AND GALPIN.
The International Portrait Gallery.

CHATTO AND WINDUS.
Practical Ceramics for Students. By Charles A. Janvier.

GRIFFITH AND FARRAN.
The Cruise of Ulysses and his Men; or, Tales and Adventures from the Odyssey. For Boys and Girls. By C. M. Bell.

HODDER AND STOUGHTON.
Olive Loring's Mission. By Annie M. Lawrence.

HURST AND BLACKETT.
My Journey Round the World, via Ceylon, New Zealand, Australia, Torres Straits, China, Japan, and the United States. By Captain S. N. Jones Parry. 2 vols.

LAURIE.
The Birthday Book of German Literature. By J. W. L.

LOWE AND CO.
The History of France from 1789 to 1848. By M. Guizot. Edited by Madame de Witt, née Guizot. Vol. VII. Illustrated.
The Boy's King Arthur; being Sir Thomas Malory's History of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table. Edited for Boys, with an Introduction by Sidney Lanier. Illustrated.

MACMILLAN AND CO.
The White Rat, and Some Other Stories. By Lady Barker. With Illustrations.
English Men of Letters. Wordsworth. By F. W. H. Myers.

PARTRIDGE AND CO.
The Band of Mercy Advocate. By the Editor of the "British Workman."
The Welcome. A Magazine for the Home Circle. With Engravings.

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My Imperialist Neighbour; and other Stories. By Henrietta A. Duff.

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TRAVELLING IN ANGOLA.

The west coast of Africa in southern tropical latitudes, including the region sometimes called Lower Guinea, has belonged to the Portuguese, its discoverers, nearly four hundred years. But very little progress has yet been made in the actual colonisation of Angola, and the few European settlements are little more than trading factories or mission stations, except St. Paul de Loanda, the port and capital of this province. The whole population, chiefly negroes of the Bunda nation, with less than ten thousand not of African race, is estimated at 240,000. The interior of the country, beyond the belt of forest-covered hills that girdles the arid seacoast, presents much agreeable pastoral and open woodland scenery. A piece of such landscape is seen in our Artist's Sketch, with a traveller, most probably a half-caste trader on his road to collect wax and ivory, riding upon an ox, as Dr. Livingstone used to do in those latitudes of South Central Africa. The horse, it is well known, can hardly be kept, in most districts, on account of that poisonous fly, the tsetse, whose bite is fatal to horses. Where grass is abundant, as here, the bovine steed, though slow, will be found very serviceable, with a native attendant to walk at his head.

The sixth anniversary dinner of the Metropolitan Dairymen's Benevolent Institution took place on the 1st at the Freemason's Tavern, the subscriptions amounting to £900.

The anxiety which has lately been felt respecting her Majesty's ship Raleigh has been dispelled by her arrival at Plymouth yesterday week. She had been delayed by contrary winds. She brings home from the Falkland Islands twenty-two men, the crew of the iron ship David Law, which was burned off the South American coast. The crew were rescued after being several days on deck in expectation of the ship blowing up. A gale prevailed at the time.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK ENDING DEC. 18.

SUNDAY, DEC. 12.

Third Sunday in Advent.
Morning Lessons: Isaiah xxv; 1 John iv. 7. Evening Lessons: Isaiah xxvi. or xxviii. 5–19; John xix. 1–25.
St. Paul's Cathedral, 10.30 a.m., Rev. C. N. Kelly, Minor Canon; 3.15 p.m., Rev Canon Liddon; 7 p.m., Rev. W. J. Richmond.
Whitehall, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., Rev. John Wordsworth.
Westminster Abbey, 10 a.m., Hon. and Rev. A. J. B. Anson, Rector of Woolwich; 3 p.m., Rev. W. Boyd Carpenter.
St. James's, noon (probably Rev. G. H. Connor).
Savoy, 11.30 a.m., Rev. Henry White, the Chaplain; 7 p.m., Rev. Canon George Prothero.

MONDAY, DEC. 13.

London Institution, 5 p.m. (Mr. W. St. Chad Boscawen on the Kings of the Hittites; their Unburned Monuments and Civilisation).
Royal Academy, 8 p.m. (Professor Marshall on the Muscles of Man).
Institution of Surveyors, 8 p.m. (Mr. D. Whitney on the Land Question).
Medical Society, 8.30 p.m.
Geographical Society, 8.30 p.m. (Capt. T. H. Holditch on the Geographical Results of the Afghan Campaign).
Institute of British Architects, 8 p.m. (Messrs. J. E. and F. G. H. Price on Roman Buildings at Brading, in the Isle of Wight).
Society of Engineers, anniversary, 7.30 p.m.
Society of Arts, Cantor Lecture, 8 p.m. (Professor A. H. Church on Pottery and Porcelain).
Brown Institution, Lectures, 5.30 p.m. (Professor W. S. Greenfield on Anthrax and Allied Diseases in Man and Animals, and on the 15th and 17th).

TUESDAY, DEC. 14.

Death of the Prince Consort, 1861; of Princess Alice, 1878.
Horticultural Society, 1 p.m.
Photographic Society, 8 p.m.
Westminster Play, 7 p.m., Terence's "Andria;" and on Thursday.
Institution of Civil Engineers, 8 p.m. (Discussion on Erecting Iron Bridges).
Library Association, 8 p.m.
Medical and Chirurgical Society, 8.30, p.m.
Colonial Institute, 8 p.m. (Sir Richard Temple on the Statistics of the Indian Empire).
Zoological Society, 8.30 p.m.
Anthropological Institute, 8 p.m.
West London Scientific Association, 8 p.m. (Dr. J. H. Gladstone on Shooting Stars and Meteors).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15.

Ember Day.
Charterhouse, Founder's Day, service, 5 p.m., Dr. Perry Scott, Bishop of Northern China; annual dinner.
Institute of Bankers, 6 p.m. (Mr. M. D. Chalmers on the Codification of Mercantile Law).
Meteorological Society, 7 p.m.
Royal Academy, 8 p.m. (Professor Marshall on Muscles of the Horse).
Dental Surgeons' Association, 8.30.
Society of Arts, 8 p.m. (Mr. E. Price Edwards on the Use of Sound for Signals).
Geological Society, 8 p.m.
London Dialectical Society, 8 p.m., annual meeting.
College of Preceptors, 7.30 p.m. (Mr. J. G. Fitch on Educational Pressure).

THURSDAY, DEC. 16.

Full moon, 3.36 p.m.
Cambridge Michaelmas Term ends.
Total eclipse of the moon, partly visible at Greenwich, 1.41 to 5.33 p.m.
Royal Society, 4.30 p.m.
London Institution, 7 p.m. (Dr. Oliver J. Lodge on the Relation between Electricity and Light).
Society of Antiquaries, 8.30 p.m.
Historical Society, 8 p.m.
Linnean Society, 8 p.m. (Mr. F. Darwin on the Growth of Cuttings; papers by Col. H. Godwin Austen and Mr. W. Phillips).
Chemical Society, 8 p.m. (Dr. Carnelly on Pressure on Ice at the Melting-Point; and other papers).
Trinity College, London, 8 p.m. (Professor Leone Levi on "Change for a Sovereign").
Numismatic Society, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17.

Ember Day.
Oxford Michaelmas Term ends.
South Kensington Museum, 2.30 p.m. (Mr. Ernst Pauer on Pianoforte Playing).
Society for Propagation of the Gospel, 2 p.m.
City of London College, 6 p.m. (Dr. Heinemann on Political Economy—Theory of Value).
Sacred Harmonic Society, 7.30 p.m. (Handel's "Messiah").
Architectural Association, 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18.

Albert Hall Orchestral Society, concert for the French Hospital.

THE WEATHER.

RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT THE KEW OBSERVATORY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

Lat. 51° 28′ 6″ N.; Long. 0° 18′ 47″ W. Height above Sea, 34 feet.

DAY.		DAILY MEANS OF Barometer Corrected.	Temperature of the Air.	Dew Point.	Relative Humidity.	Amount of Cloud.	THERMOM. Maximum, read at 10 P.M.	Minimum, read at 10 P.M.	WIND. General Direction.	Movement in 24 hours, read at 10 A.M. next morning.	Rain in 24 hours, read at 10 A.M. next morning
		Inches.	°	°	°	0-10	°	°		Miles.	In.
Nov.	28	30·383	47·4	43·0	·86	7	52·5	38·9	SW. SSW.	358	0·000
	29	30·305	46·0	41·7	·86	7	50·8	42·4	SSW. SW.	220	0·005*
	30	30·322	41·7	38·8	·90	8	47·7	33·0	SW. SSW.	191	0·000
Dec.	1	30·088	47·8	44·7	·90	8	49·8	44·3	SSW. SW.	264	0·025
	2	30·252	37·2	33·8	·87	6	49·3	30·5	NNW.	44	0·005*
	3	30·305	43·0	41·4	·93	8	49·4	28·5	NNW. SW.	109	0·000
	4	30·454	47·5	43·9	·88	8	50·8	43·9	SW.	129	0·000

* Dew.

The following are the readings of the meteorological instruments for the above days, in order, at ten o'clock a.m.:—

Barometer (in inches) corrected ..	30·38	30·149	30·429	30·143	30·266	30·218	30·449
Temperature of Air	49·3°	47·4°	42·7°	47·0°	35·8°	40·2°	47·1°
Temperature of Evaporation ..	46·9°	44·6°	41·2°	45·4°	35·9°	39·5°	45·2°
Direction of Wind	SW.	SSW.	SSW.	SSW.	NNW.	NNW.	SW.

TIMES OF HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 18.

Sunday.		Monday.		Tuesday.		Wednesday.		Thursday.		Friday.		Saturday.	
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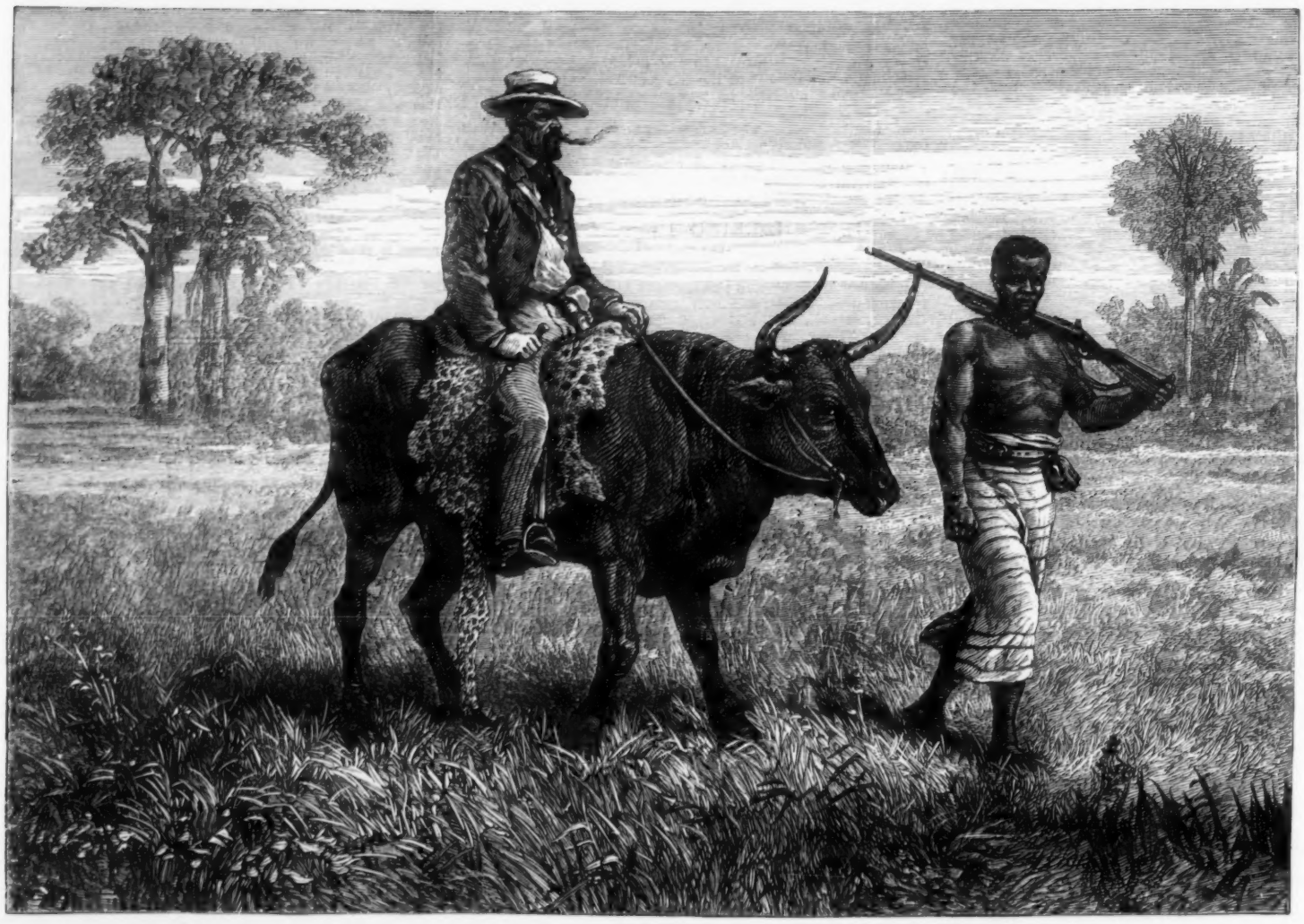

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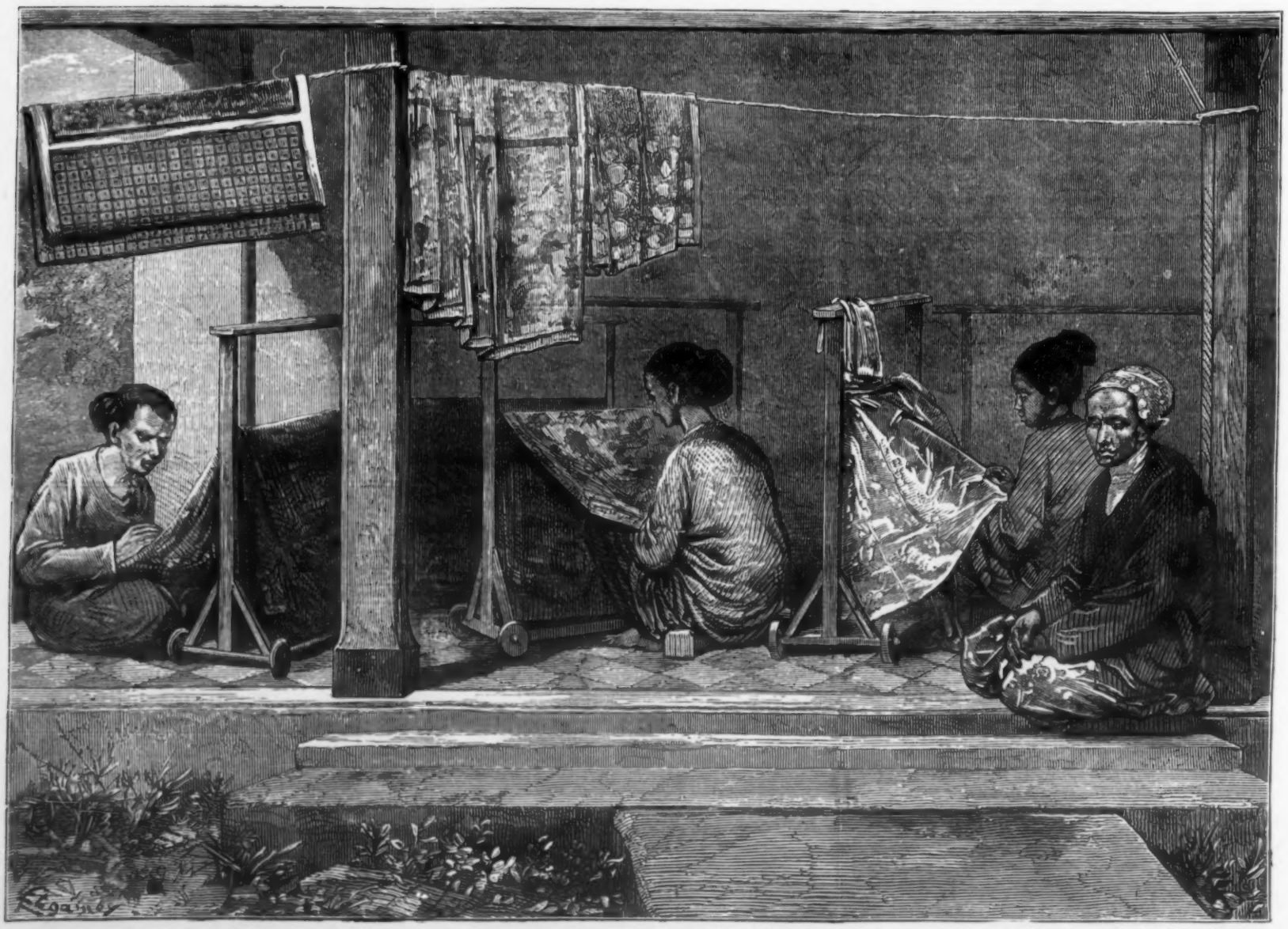
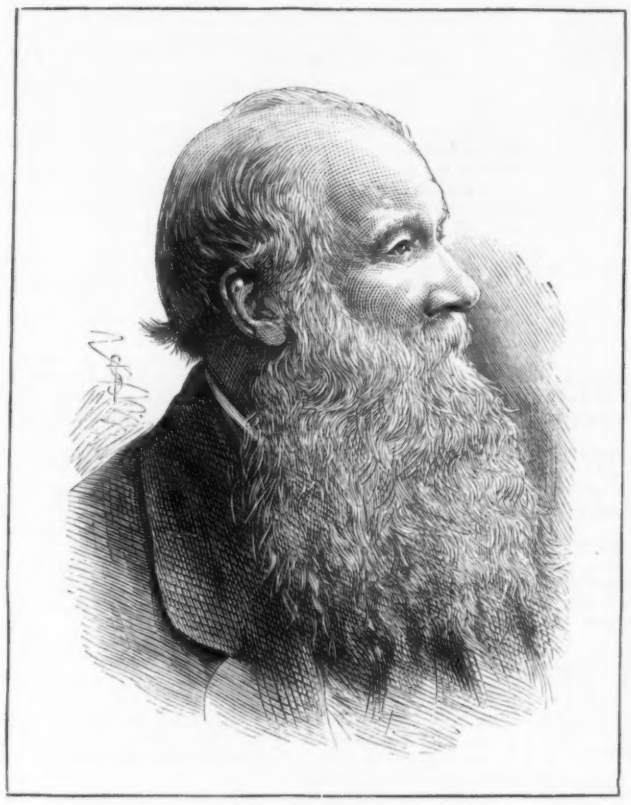


EMBROIDERING SARANGS IN SUMATRA.—SEE PAGE 571.

THE LATE MR. T. T. STODDART.

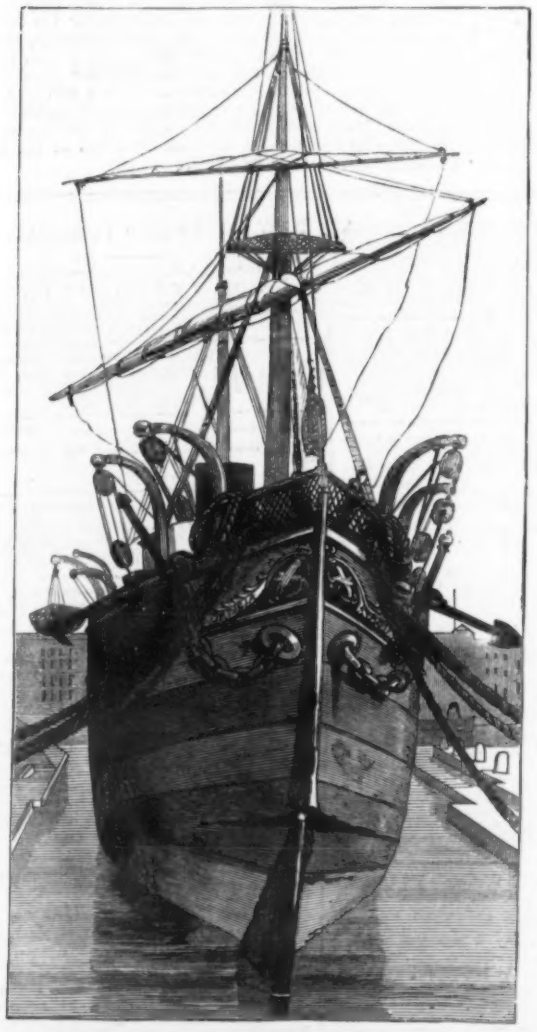
Mr. Thomas Tod Stoddart, the well-known angler and author, whose death took place at Kelso on the 22nd ult., in the seventy-first year of his age, was descended from an old Border family, the "Stout hearts," or Stoddarts. He was the third son of a distinguished Rear-Admiral, who took part in the victory of Lord Howe, the landing in Egypt, the battles of the Nile and Copenhagen, and many other engagements. He was born in Edinburgh, on Feb. 14, 1810. At the age of sixteen he obtained a prize for a poem on "Idolatry," in Professor Wilson's class in the University of Edinburgh. After a course of study for the Scottish Bar, he was admitted to practice in 1833, but soon afterwards relinquished the law for the more congenial pursuits of literature and angling. He married, and settled down on the banks of the Tweed, in 1836, and devoted himself to his rod and pen, performing with the one many brilliant achievements, and producing with the other a number of works which have attained more or less celebrity. His most widely known work, which has gone through several editions, is his "Angler's Companion," published in 1847. His other works are "The Death-Wake," 1831; "The Art of Angling," 1835; "Angling Reminiscences," 1837; "Songs and Poems," 1839; "Abel Massinger," a romance, 1846; "An Angler's Rambles and Angling Songs," 1866; and "Songs of the Seasons and other Poems," 1873. Besides these works, Mr. Stoddart contributed to various magazines and periodicals, and took an active interest in all that pertained to the preservation and perfection of his beloved pastime, angling; and his advice was greatly sought after by those interested in the gentle craft. Mr. Stoddart will be much missed in Kelso, and on Tweed-side and Teviot-side, every stream and pool of which rivers he knew so well, and loved to sing about. He leaves a widow, two sons, and a daughter, to mourn his loss. Our engraving of his portrait is from a photograph by Macintosh and Co., of Kelso.



THE LATE THOMAS T. STODDART,
ANGLER ON THE TWEED.

THE COLLISION OFF SPEZIA.

Further particulars as to the disastrous collision which occurred between two screw-steamers, off Spezia, on the 24th ult., have been received. The Ortigia, it appears, had left Genoa at 11.30 p.m. on the 23rd ult., with a crew of forty-four men and thirty-six passengers. The Oncle Joseph had about 800 tons merchandise and 305 persons, including emigrants and crew, some families going out to Buenos Ayres, viâ Marseilles, by the Berlin steamer. The total number of lives saved is said to be fifty-five, of which twenty-three belonged to the ship; so that the total loss of life may be put down at 250. The survivors of the crew of the Oncle Joseph state that about three a.m., when off Spezia, a tremendous crash was heard, and it was found that a large steamer had run into the Oncle Joseph, striking her amidships and cutting her down to the water's edge. The crew and passengers rushed on deck, and some of them succeeded in climbing on to the bows of the Ortigia; but the latter backed astern, and as soon as the vessels parted the water rushed in through the open side of the Oncle Joseph, and she sank in less than eight minutes. The sea, which was quite smooth at the time, was then covered with a struggling mass of human beings. It is said that only one small boat could be got out by those on board the Ortigia, a few lives being saved by that means. The Ortigia herself received serious damage to her cutwater and plates on the port bow, and probably owes her safety to her watertight bulkhead. The Captain, Dacombe, of the Oncle Joseph, is among the drowned. An investigation as to the cause of the disaster is being held. The Ortigia was brought into Leghorn for repairs; and the British Vice-Consul there, Mr. A. Percy Inglis, furnishes us with a sketch of the damaged condition of her bows.

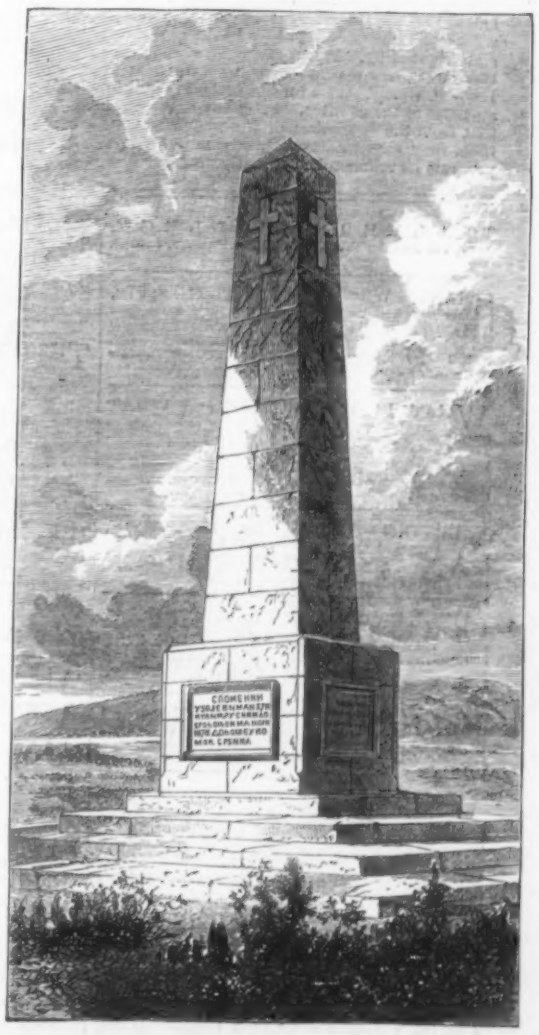


BOWS OF THE ORTIGIA AFTER COLLISION WITH
THE ONCLE JOSEPH IN GULF OF SPEZIA.

THE RUSSIANS IN SERVIA.

A monument has been erected at Rujevatz, near Alexinatz, in Servia, to the memory of the Russian volunteers, who came in 1876 to the aid of the Servians at the time of their unequal struggle with the Turkish Empire. The inscription records this occasion, adding a sentence from the New Testament:—"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

One of the foremost among those volunteers, and the first of them who was destined to lay down his life for the freedom of the Christian Slavs in Turkey, was the martyr-hero of the war—the typical Russian hero—Nicolai Kiréeff. His name is a word of power in Russia and Servia. It will long be told in national song and story, how this Russian officer led the Serv battalions to the fight, attired in a white uniform, which marked out his tall figure for the five Turkish shots by which he fell, uttering his last cry, "Forward! Forward!" How the echo of this cry resounded with responsive action through the hearts of the Russian people is related, in quotations from various sources, in the very remarkable work, written in English by the sister of Kiréeff, entitled "Russia and England," by O. K. (Longmans). Her chapter headed the "Russian People and the War" is the best explanation of this monument to the Russian volunteers who fell in Servia.



MONUMENT TO RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS
AT RUJEVATZ, SERVIA.

FINE ARTS.

SOCIETY OF BRITISH ARTISTS.

The exhibitions in Suffolk-street continue to improve, thanks to the less conventional element imported by the new members; nevertheless, the works of real artistic value are too sparsely distributed to detain the critical visitor long. If we select, in the first instance (irrespective of size and price), only those which evince refined observation and artistic sensitiveness, or capacity and power of the finer kinds, the list will be soon exhausted.

We should include, however, among these "Lionel Smythe's little picture (39) of a girl standing on a rustic bridge, and his scene on board a ship, "Short-handed" (351), in a storm, with a young woman pressed to help at the pumps; W. H. Bartlett's couple of French gossips retailing "The Latest News" (101) by the roadside in a landscape beautiful in lighting and tone; several landscapes and studies by J. E. Grace; a very pretty girl in old-fashioned mob cap and mittens, brilliantly lighted from the side (196), by R. J. Gordon; G. C. Hindley's vigorously-handled figure of a Roundhead puzzled and irate at receipt of a threatening anonymous letter (550); W. Dendy Sadler's couple of patiently enthusiastic anglers, entitled "Great Expectations" (123), the expressions of which are capital; H. Caffieri's woodland scene (191), which has nice "quality" of colour in the foliage hues; and A. Ludovici's "Fresh-Water Sailors" (285), the scene apparently one of the gay flowery lawns on the banks of the Thames. To these may be added a portrait of a little girl (231) by J. B. Yeater, and small landscapes or studies by W. L. Wyllie, H. Goodwin, E. A. Waterlow, D. Law, and A. E. Emslie. "The Breton Fortune-Teller" (447), by J. M. Wimbush, has strength and character, but the background is too inky. "Idle Hours" (257), by A. G. Bell, is primarily a courageous study of chiaroscuro.

There are, however, some other paintings of undeniable ability, which make a more forcible appeal to the eye than many of the preceding, by means of a freer application of the pigments—which aim at a vivid aspect of general truth, and of particular truth in the local *tache*, as the French say, but no more; and which, consequently, are apt to sacrifice the subtler delicacies of modelling in form and modulation in colour. Foremost among the works to which we allude are those of the young Scotch painters, J. R. Reid and J. White—the former represented (and to advantage as a colourist) in an upright decorative-looking composition of two girls parting after a quarrel (157); and in No. 144, the finding of a little strayed girl asleep in a corn-field; the latter—J. White—in a large picture of farm outbuildings, with a white horse, under an effect of twilight sky, which is telling, but not quite right in the relations of tone. With these may be grouped other contributors, whose aims seem to be analogous; such as Edwin Ellis, who is, however, more than usually sketchy; H. H. Cauty, Stuart Lloyd, Yeend King, Tom Griffiths, B. Evans, and W. H. Gadsby.

Among the absentees are J. Burr and G. Cole, who will be missed from this gallery; but other members long popular with the habitués, or who are rising into notice, put in an appearance—viz., E. J. Cobbett, W. Holyoake, J. Hayllar, J. Peel, A. J. Woolmer, Carlton A. Smith, W. Gosling, G. A. Holmes, P. Macnab, L. C. Henley, Haynes King, J. Morgan, G. S. Walters, and J. H. S. Mann.

We would, in conclusion, commend to notice the contributions of R. P. Staples, A. M. Rossi, J. Charlton, W. J. Muckley, W. C. Symonds, W. Savage Cooper, and Jessica Hayllar, together with some water-colour drawings, which deserve to be looked for, but which, we regret, we have not space to specify.

The exhibitions of the Society and the Institute of Painters in Water Colours, which were opened to the public on Monday, will be noticed next week.

The Fine-Art Council at Paris have decided that at the Salon next year not more than 2500 pictures will be received. A proposal made by M. Edmond About, that 500 of the best pictures should be shown in a "salon d'honneur" has been referred to a sub-committee for consideration.

The Lord Mayor attended in state at the institute, Drummond-street, Hampstead-road, last Saturday evening, to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors in the industrial exhibition held in connection with the Tolmer-square Institute, which was opened on Oct. 16 last by Sir Thomas Chambers, M.P., and Mr. Daniel Grant, M.P., and which closed on the 30th of the same month. The prizes consisted of one gold, fifteen silver, and forty-three bronze medals, sixty-three certificates, and eleven presentations from gentlemen interested in the institution. The prize-takers numbered 130. The Lord Mayor said he regarded such exhibitions as most important and valuable in connection not only with the working men, but with the prosperity of the country. Almost all the great industries which had contributed to the wealth, prosperity, and dignity

of the country had originated with the working classes. After alluding to the work of Arkwright, Stephenson, and Watt, he reminded them that in England every young man had the opportunity of attaining to almost any position; and in proof of this instanced Lord Beaconsfield and Mr. Mundella. He dwelt on the importance of technical education, and said that the question was now being energetically taken up in the City of London, and he trusted the example would be followed in the provinces. The various guilds of London would soon commence with a college, which would enable the working men to be so educated as to understand scientifically the work in which they were engaged.

It is stated that Mr. Redgrave, R.A., has resigned the office of Surveyor of Her Majesty's Pictures, which he had held for many years, with that of Inspector-General for Art.

The Court of Common Council has resolved to contribute £2000 annually out of the City's cash in aid of the objects of the City and Guilds of London Institute for the advancement of technical education during the pleasure of the Court, but for a period not exceeding five years.

"A Picturesque Tour in Picturesque Lands" (Strahan and Co.) is a handsomely got-up volume, with numerous illustrations, which, however, we think have all done duty elsewhere. The book will form, nevertheless, a handsome addition to the drawing-room table.

Mr. Samuel A. Walker, of 200, Regent-street, has started the idea of taking photographic portraits "at home." The idea is novel, and will probably be convenient to many; but the photograph fear, will often suffer inconvenience from a want of a properly arranged light.

"The Jolly Postboys," the admirable picture by Mr. H. S. Marks, R.A., exhibited in the Royal Academy a year or two ago, has been most excellently etched by V. Lhuillier, and published by Mr. Lefevre, King-street, St. James's. It is a first-rate specimen of etching, and will surely sustain the increasing taste for that delightful art.

Messrs. Howell and James were intrusted with the task of designing and executing the gold casket presented by the Fishmongers' Company, with the freedom of the company, to Sir Frederick Roberts, at a banquet held at their hall on Thursday. The box is oblong, with a domed lid, is designed in the style of the Italian Renaissance, and is elaborately ornamented.

The Manchester Royal Institution, comprising the land, buildings, and pictures, and valued altogether at £120,000, has been offered by the council to the Manchester Corporation as a gift for public use, on condition that the Corporation provide an endowment of £2000 a year for the purchase of pictures to form a public art-gallery for the city and maintain the present institution.

Mr. Bryce, M.P., distributed the prizes at the City School of Art, Skinner-street, Bishopsgate, on the 2nd inst. He addressed the students and those assembled to witness the ceremony. After giving expression to the pleasure which all present must feel at the growing restoration in health and strength of Mr. Rogers, the Rector of Bishopsgate, who had laboured so earnestly for the school, Mr. Bryce said the committee might be congratulated on the excellence of the work done by the pupils; but he was sorry not to be able to congratulate them also on the financial condition of the school. It was very badly off for funds.

The prizes gained by the successful students of the City School of Art, at the recent examinations of the Science and Art Department, were distributed on the 2nd inst. by Mr. J. Bryce, M.P., Regius Professor of Civil Law, Oxford. The Rev. R. H. Hadden, hon. sec., after observing that the present premises were a serious drawback to the prosperity of the school, it was remarked that this year, with fewer students, the amount of the Government grant—a sure criterion of good work—had increased. The prospects of the school were bright and brightening. It had abundant scope for good work; and there was every reason why it, with the help of the citizens of London, should take a foremost place among the art-teaching agencies of the country. Professor Bryce, in his address, said that from the specimens of the work which they saw around them they might reasonably congratulate the school upon the progress its scholars had recently made.

HOME NEWS.

Dr. George Mayers has been elected Lord Mayor of Dublin, and Mr. Daniel O'Sullivan Mayor for Cork.

Mr. Thomas Carlyle completed his eighty-fifth year on Saturday last.

The Lord Mayor has consented to preside at the annual festival of the Warehousemen's and Clerks' Schools, on Feb. 3.

A notice revising the rules for the promotion and relative rank and allowances of the Indian medical service was published in the *Gazette* of yesterday week.

Mr. Leslie Stephen opened the lecture season at the London Institution on Monday by reading a paper on "The Relation of Morality to Literature." The theatre was crowded.

On Tuesday evening the new schools erected by the London School Board in Park-walk, King's-road, Chelsea, were opened by Sir Charles Reed, M.P., Chairman of the Board.

Rare feats of strength and agility were performed at the German Gymnastic Society's annual competition at the Gymnasium, King's-cross, on Wednesday and Thursday last.

Mr. Monk, M.P., has consented to temporarily occupy the office of President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce, vacated by the decease of Mr. Whitwell, M.P.,

Mrs. Brassey, wife of Mr. Brassey, M.P., Civil Lord of the Admiralty, on the 2nd inst. presented medals and certificates for navigation and nautical astronomy to the pupils in the Royal Hospital School, Greenwich.

The twenty-first annual exhibition of sporting and other dogs, which was held in Curzon Hall, Birmingham, last week, fairly maintained the progressive character which has marked these shows for some years past.

Some notion of the extent of the work of the St. John Ambulance Association may be gathered from the fact that during the past week sixteen classes were examined in the lakes district alone.

Taking for a subject "The Literature of To-Day, with a Guess at To-Morrow's," Professor Henry Morley on Monday evening gave the fifth and concluding lecture of a series given by him to the members of the Westbourne Park Institute.

A notice has been issued by the London Financial Association that the Alexandra Palace and Park, a freehold estate of about 470 acres, will be offered for sale by auction at the Mart, on Friday, Feb. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. German Reed's Entertainment will close after Saturday next, Dec. 18, and reopen on Boxing-Day at three and eight. "The Turquoise Ring" will be temporarily withdrawn, and an entirely new Holiday Programme will be given on Boxing-Day at three.

On Tuesday the Lord Mayor remitted to Herr von Tisza, the Minister President of Hungary, £600, being the first instalment of the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the earthquakes at Agram. Messrs. F. Huth and Co. have contributed £100 to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

Some public ornamental gardens, nearly two acres in extent, which have been laid out around the parish church at Redditch, were opened on the 2nd inst. by Lord Windsor, lord of the manor. The ground was given by his Lordship, and the work has been carried out at a cost of about £1150.

Lord Roden has made an abatement of 25 per cent upon the half-year's rents due on Michaelmas Day. This reduction is to be permanent during the continuance of the existing leases. The Rev. Sir Cavendish Foster, Rector of Theydon Garnon, has returned 20 per cent upon the year's tithe.

In consequence of the renewal of the riots by the Rebeccaites in Radnorshire, the Lord Lieutenant of that county (Colonel Walsh) has, at the request of a large number of magistrates, convened a public meeting of the justices, to be held at Presteign, to devise means for the maintaining of the public peace.

Sir Edward Reed, who is chairman of the Milford Docks Company, visited the works in Pembrokeshire on Saturday last and laid the principal stone of the invert sill of the large, graving dock there. This immense dry dock is 700 ft. long, 96 ft. broad, and 26 ft. deep, and has already, in its unfinished state, accommodated the Great Eastern steam-ship. It is now rapidly approaching completion.

American farming formed the subject of discussion at the monthly meeting of the Farmer's Club on Monday. It was introduced by Mr. C. S. Read, who drew attention to the principal points in the official report of himself and Mr. Pell, whose instructions, in their visit to the United States, were to record Agricultural facts and to collect statistics, England he said, could defy competition with all countries in the world except America.

As an instance of commercial enterprise, it may be interesting to state that Messrs. H. and F. Pears, of London, offered to supply the Government, free of charge, with all the forms, eight or nine millions in number, required for taking the forthcoming Census; the only recompense they expected for this vast outlay, estimated at £100,000, being the right of printing on the back of each Census paper a notice of the well-known Pears' Soap.

The weekly return of metropolitan pauperism shows that the total number of paupers on the last day of the fourth week in November was 91,268, of whom 51,020 were in workhouses, and 40,248 received outdoor relief. Compared with the corresponding weeks in the years 1879, 1878, and 1877, these figures show an increase of 1900, 10,027, and 10,132 respectively. The number of vagrants relieved on the last day of the week was 902, of whom 668 were men, 187 women, and 47 children.

Messrs. A. and S. Gatti have bought for the Adelphi Theatre the right of the English version of "Michael Strogoff," recently produced with so much success in Paris, and composed by MM. D'Ennery and Jules Verne. The piece is to be produced in the early spring on a scale of great splendour, and the cast of characters will include several of the most popular favourites of the London stage. The scenery will be intrusted to Mr. William Beverley, the great scenic artist.

Mr. Spurgeon presided on the 1st inst. at a meeting held at the Metropolitan Tabernacle to further the interests of the Pastors' College. According to the last published account, 470 ministers have been educated in the college, and 152 new churches have been formed, and 36,123 persons baptized through its instrumentality. In the institution were 110 students, while 220 attended the evening classes. The weekly expenses of the establishment amount to £120.

It will be remembered that the first meeting of Edward Trickett and Wallace Ross over the Thames championship course resulted in "no race," as a slight foul occurred close to Hammersmith Bridge, and the umpire ordered them to row again. They accordingly arranged to do so on Saturday last. Odds of 6 and 7 to 4 were laid on the Australian, but Ross, taking a commanding lead in the first quarter of a mile, was never really pressed, and won with the greatest ease by four lengths. The time was 23 min. 42 sec.

Mr. Flowers, the Bow-street magistrate, presided on the 2nd inst. at the annual supper given to the criminal classes by the St. Giles's Christian Mission. About 250 persons responded to the invitation sent. A letter of sympathy with the movement to reclaim the criminals was read from the Home Secretary, and a statement was made of the work of the Mission, which had sent many boys to sea and provided others with employment, clothes, or tools. Mr. Flowers addressed the assembly, and exhorted them to avoid drink and to try to lead a new life. He expressed his sympathy with them in their difficulties under police supervision after penal servitude, and said, amid loud cheers, that nothing in his mind was harder to bear.

The Court of Common Council, at their meeting on the 2nd inst., unanimously resolved that the freedom of the City, with a sword of the value of one hundred guineas, should be presented to Major-General Sir Frederick Roberts in recognition of his gallant services in Afghanistan. The Finance Committee reported adversely to a proposal that the Corporation should contribute to the Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education in the Metropolis, which is being promoted by the City Guilds. The Court, however, disapproved the report, and resolved to make a grant of £2000 per annum for a period not exceeding five years. The Court sanctioned the raising of a temporary loan of £40,000 for the purposes of the new Fruit and Vegetable Market, and gave directions for the erection of necessary works at the Foreign Cattle Market at a cost of £5000.

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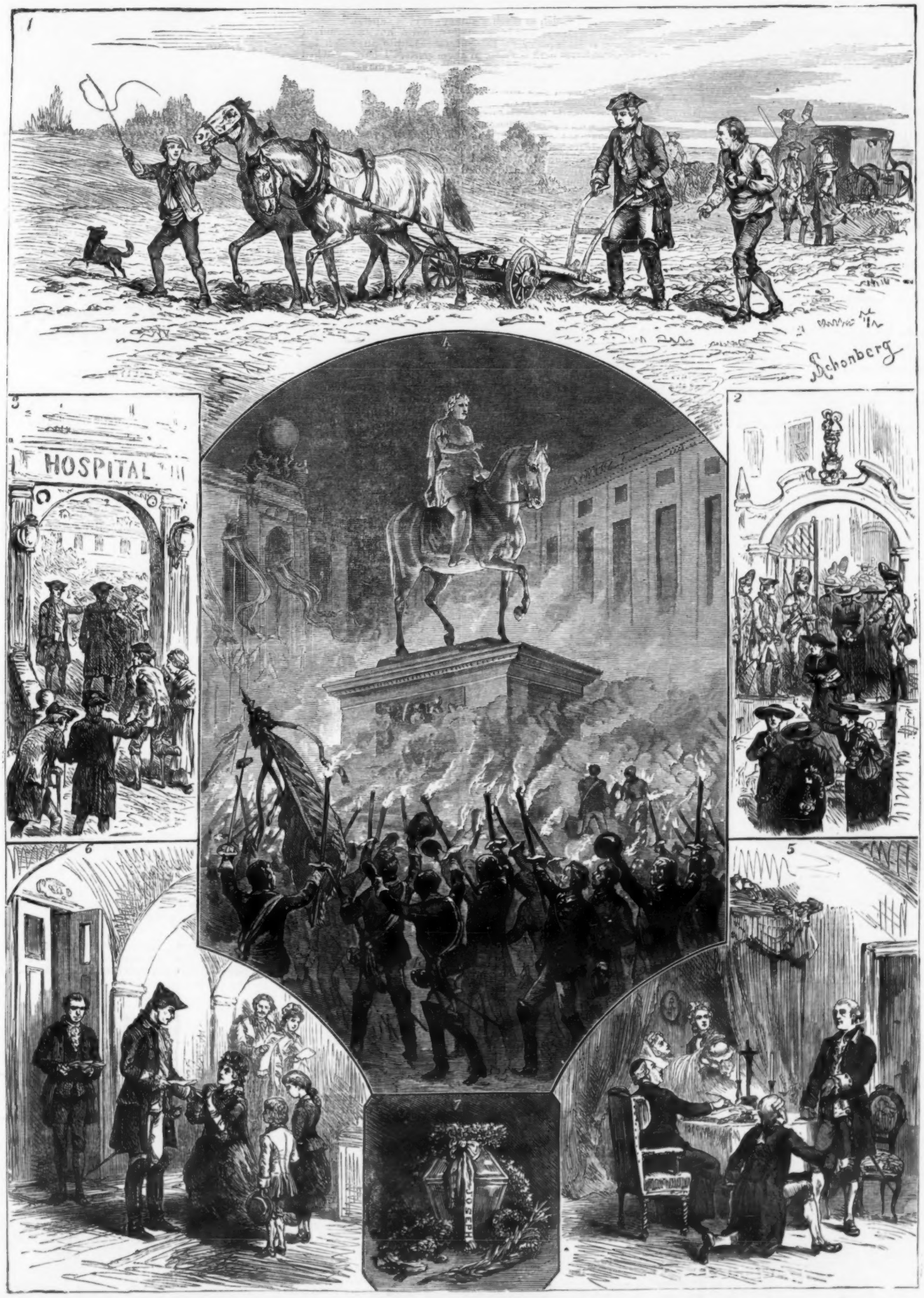

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SKETCHES AMONG THE "BOYCOTTING BOYS."

COTTAGE NEAR LOUGH MASK.

"Among the Boycotting Boys," is the title by which our Special Artist, Mr. Wallis Mackay, presents the Illustration that appears this week. His accompanying letter supplies the needful commentary:—

Ballinrobe, Mayo, Nov. 30.

It was a difficult matter to get even a glimpse of the male inhabitants of that part of Ireland now famous for the course taken in the matter of landlord and tenant. The country around Lough Mask, on the shores of which Captain Boycott's house is situated, is a wild, stony tract of hilly desolation. Where cultivation is in existence it is broken and interrupted by huge boulders of hard grey stone. Grey stone is the characteristic of this part of the county Mayo. The endless and innumerable stone fences run in every direction, apparently fencing off nothing, but really marking the division of the holdings of small farmers, over which so much vexation has been expended.

Perhaps not in Bulgaria could a hut be found of equal squalor to that of the shanties in which the natives herd together in these parts. I have sketched a comparatively respectable one. There is neither window nor chimney connected with the architectural scheme, and the door is black and charred with the action of ages of turf smoke. Before the establishment is a savoury cesspool, and the place is flanked with a pigsty and dunghill. Notwithstanding all this filth, the woman and herd of youngsters who crowd the place seem strong and healthy, and to enjoy the dirty seclusion of their kraal.

Indeed, I had pointed out to me a very comfortable stone cottage, with veritable bow windows, which appears to be a subject of grievance. The story of it is this:—Lord Ardilaun, wishing to improve some portion of the approaches to his grounds, pulled down one of the huts that interfered with this purpose. In order that no one might suffer through this action, he built for the late occupier of the stone hut the cottage in question. The first complaint on the part of this personage was that he suffered from too much light in his new dwelling. This was rectified by the closing up of the window-panes. However, the lock of the door next bothered him; he was used to closing it with a pitchfork. After getting hopelessly involved with his latch-key one evening, he left it in the door in disgust, and for some weeks used a window as a mode of ingress and egress. This he has given up in disgust, and has gone forth into the world a martyr to the tyranny of an overbearing landlord!

The absence of "the boys," as every male human creature is termed between the ages of four and fourscore, on the occasion of the departure of Captain Boycott, with the Ulster volunteer harvestmen and the "English army," was in compliance with the wishes of the Land League and the parish priest. When one did come across a group of these "Boycotters," they were standing silently and with a sullen determination in their looks. They are not at all unlike Spanish peasants in appearance; and are all fine, stalwart fellows, comfortably and warmly clad. Whatever reticence "the boys" were bent upon observing, the women and girls were not in all cases disposed to hold their peace. One lady, who was carting away for fuel purposes a large piece of a tree that had been blown down by the hurricane the night before the march, let the Queen and her "hungry army," and "Boycott," and, indeed, everyone within hearing, get the full benefit of a rich flow of invective.

The now celebrated Father O'Malley has a powerful influence in this part of the country. I visited him at his house, which is situated next the Catholic Chapel, on the road between Ballinrobe and Cong. I found him a thorough specimen of an Irish parish priest; and, though evidently suffering acutely from rheumatism, he was full of humour. He is the originator of the term "Boycotting." This he invented because he was of opinion that the word "ostracisation" was of too formidable a character for the use of his flock. He is a charming conversationist, and hospitable to a degree. The ingenious excuses of inclement weather and long journeys that he made in order to induce his guests to taste his whisky so early in the day were droll, clever, and amusing.

This time of the year is the idle period with the "Boycotters"—if, indeed, they are ever anything else but idle. They stand always with their backs to a wall, and pull away at their "dhudeens," or short pipes, in moody silence for hours; they go to bed at dusk, and rise again about ten or eleven in the day. There are some wonderful specimens of the genus vagabond amongst them. These are to be met swinging along lonely roads, evidently bent on some mission or purpose—what, goodness knows.

My carman told me that every man that could boast a coat, or a pair of breeches, had a revolver concealed about him. Just fancy the sweet youth whose portrait I have dotted down, with a six-shooter at his disposal! The revolver has undoubtedly superseded the shillelagh in Ireland; and a row at a modern Donnybrook would be more like a squabble in the wilds of Nevada than anything else. This revolver business is due to the influence of the American element amongst the leaders of the people.

Like other poor districts of Ireland, Mayo is wealthy in one thing, and that is children; they can be seen at every cottage, if not disporting on the dung-heap before the door, burrowing like little rabbits in the parental parlour or in the pigstye.

GROUP OF "BOYCOTTERS."

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The citizens of Vienna, and the German portion in general, of the diverse populations comprised in the present Austro-Hungarian dual monarchy, have always cherished a great affection for the memory of Joseph II., whose policy, following that of his mother, the Empress Maria Theresa, tended to exalt Austria, properly so called, at the expense of their Slavonic and Magyar subjects. Besides this, Joseph was the author of many beneficent domestic reforms, the emancipation of the peasant serfs, the establishment of schools, colleges, and hospitals, the improvement of courts of justice, of the civil and criminal code, and of the fiscal system, the encourage-

ment of trade, agriculture, and industry, and the assertion of religious liberty for Protestants, Jews, and free-thinkers. He was also the patron of arts and sciences, though not munificent with pecuniary gifts; and he cultivated friendly relations with Russia and France. From 1765, when his father died, Joseph II., being then twenty-four years of age, shared the throne with his mother until her death, on Nov. 29, 1780. The latter date, being that of his accession to full power, has now been commemorated by a centenary festival at Vienna, of which we give some Illustrations. Joseph II. died in February, 1790, when the outbreak of the French Revolution was about to change the face of Europe.

The celebration at Vienna began on the night of Monday, the 29th, with a torchlight procession of students, in costume, who visited the equestrian bronze statue of Joseph II. behind the Imperial Palace, and made speeches on the Kaiser Joseph's Platz. Next day there was a grand assembly in the Townhall, presided over by the Burgomaster, Dr. Newald, who delivered an historical lecture, after which the civic municipality, in solemn procession, marched through the streets to visit the tomb of Joseph II., and to lay upon it a funeral wreath, with white silk streamers bearing, inscribed in gold, that Emperor's saying, "There is nothing on earth I love more than my mother country." Addresses were also delivered, and a choral cantata was sung, in front of the statue; and the students had another meeting, with a lecture, at the Conservatory of Music. Our Illustrations represent, besides the scenes around the statue and tomb, several incidents of popular interest recorded in the life of the Emperor Joseph II. One is the familiar story, which is likewise related of two or three Kings or Princes, that he saw a peasant at the plough, and got out of his carriage to try if he could do the work of the husbandman. The Emperor of China does it once a year, as a ceremonial act, to show his respect for agriculture; and the Prince of Wales might do the same if it were worth while. The expulsion of the Jesuits from Austria, of which, from a published print in vogue, we give an Illustration, was one of the acts of Joseph II., that showed him a long way ahead of the French Republican Government of our own days.

SKETCHES IN COLORADO.

Georgetown, Colorado, is about fifty miles from the city of Denver, being situated at the head of the Clear Creek Cañon or valley, through which the Colorado Central Railroad passes. This is one of the highest lines in the world, the terminus at Georgetown being at an elevation of more than 8000 feet above the sea. The scenery here is magnificent, and is within ten miles of the main range of the Rocky Mountains; a circumstance which, combined with its being noted as a rich silver-mining region, makes this an attractive point for travellers from all parts of the world.

The journey to Gray's Peak, one of the highest of the Rocky Mountains, the altitude being about 14,500 ft., can easily be made in one day. The view from the summit, forming the subject of one of the accompanying sketches, will well repay the trouble of ascent. From this point can be seen nearly the whole of Colorado to the east; the plains, which in the distance have a strong resemblance to the sea, to the north; and to the south and west a vast succession of snow-covered peaks, rising one above another, until lost in the far distance.

The population of Georgetown consists of about 5000 inhabitants, and is largely composed of miners, who are here an intelligent and orderly class of men. Being the centre of a mining region, mills for the reduction of the silver ore are numerous. One of these is represented in the series of sketches. They form quite a characteristic feature of the scenery.

The remainder of the sketches give some idea of the aspect of Rocky Mountain scenery; Lake Santa Maria, otherwise called the Mirror Lake or Clear Lake, is one of the loveliest small pieces of water upon the earth. The cascades of Clear Creek are likewise very beautiful. The "Little Professor" is a picturesque specimen of the characteristic mountain formation in this State. There are a considerable number of Chinese in the towns of Colorado, who are principally employed as washermen, as in California.

THE CHRISTMAS CATTLE SHOW.

The annual London show of fattened cattle for the Christmas season, which has for many years past regularly taken place under the direction of the Smithfield Club, has been held, as usual, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. We give a variety of Sketches, occupying two pages of our publication this week, but more dealing with the appearance of different groups of visitors, than with the oxen, sheep, and swine, whose merits were duly recognised by the judges. The idea of extreme fatness, readily transferred by the popular mind from cattle to human beings, has a certain element of the ludicrous in it; and this seems to assert its satirical influence, both in the scene outside the exhibition of a "Contrast," where the Fat Woman and the Living Skeleton challenge comparison with one another; and in that of the corpulent gentleman sitting for his portrait.

The total number of entries this year was 407, of which 207 were cattle, 138 sheep, and 62 pigs. The prizes offered were more in the aggregate amount, £3142, than had ever been offered before. The first prizes were won, for Devon steers, by Mr. W. R. Fryer, of Poole, Mr. John Walter, M.P., and Colonel Redvers Buller, C.B., V.C.; Devon heifers, Mr. W. R. Fryer; Devon cows, Mr. E. Nairne; Hereford steers, Mr. J. Price and Mr. E. Sims. The Prince of Wales gained two second prizes, having nine entries, three for sheep; while the Queen had five entries, two for shorthorn cows, three for pigs. Several of the Royal Family visited the show, and were received by Lord Tredegar, the President, and Sir Brandreth Gibbs, the honorary secretary. The annual meeting of the Smithfield Club, on Tuesday, found its finances in a prosperous state, the receipts for the year being £6788, and the expenditure £3863. Mr. F. J. Saville Foljambe, M.P., has been elected President for next year, and Mr. J. Walter, M.P., for the year 1881.

The *Gazette* of yesterday week publishes a series of despatches relating to the Afghan war, the most interesting being the narrative which General Sir F. Roberts gives of his march from Cabul and victory over Ayoub Khan. These despatches have already appeared in the Indian papers.—A notice revising the rules for the promotion and relative rank and allowances of the Indian medical service is also published.

A deputation consisting of the Irish Eight waited upon the Lord Mayor and Dublin Town Council on Monday, for the purpose of delivering into the custody of the Mayor the Elcho Shield, recently won by the Irish riflemen. Captain Maxwell, who, in the absence of the Duke of Abercorn, headed the deputation, said this was the fifth time the Irish team had carried off the shield. A resolution of congratulation was passed, and the deputation, on leaving the council chamber, was warmly cheered.

CHESS.

J W S (Montreal).—There is no doubt that the law relating to counting fifty moves is intended to apply to end games only. We think your adversary's claim was preferred in a litigious spirit, and that it should have been rejected; but we do not think that the decision of which you justly complain is likely to be cited as a precedent, where the umpire has been judiciously chosen, at all events. Umpires in such cases as yours do not make Law, nor even interpret it; they are called upon to pronounce an opinion about a position in a game of chess, and, obviously, their judgments may be valuable or worthless, according to the circumstances.

J P (Reigate).—We do not examine problems that are sent unaccompanied by the author's proposed solutions.

H R L (Chichester).—It is possible to effect mate by a double check without moving either of the checking pieces on the last move. The move is made with a Pawn, taking another Pawn *en passant*.

J P (Bedford).—The problem is very acceptable. You shall hear from us on the other subject referred to in your letter.

T G (Smethwick).—Thanks. It shall have early attention.

B D Rai (Moorshidabad, Bengal).—Your solutions of Nos. 1912 and 1913 are correct.

Correct Solutions of the Canadian Prize Problem received from Pierce Jones, M de Brettes (Bretcuil), George Neuer, A C, John Perkins, and Thomas Guest.

Correct Solutions of Problem No. 1916 received from Teicle, Dr N W Holmes, and Rev John Wills (U.S.A.).

Correct Solutions of Problem No. 1917 received from Pierce Jones, Onno, Dr. N W Holmes, Dr H W Hill, and T Guest.

Correct Solutions of Problem No. 1918 received from Vice-Admiral Somerville, Jane Nepveu, A Snellen, Dr N W Holmes, Dr H W Hill, A C, L Chapelle, Dr F St. Thomas Guest, M H Moorhouse, S Fitz-Henry, Pierce Jones, Hmo Kane, G J L, John Perkins, Onno, and "King of Cashel."

Correct Solutions of Problem No. 1919 received from H B, Pierce Jones, Cant, Shadforth, Alpha, F Littleboy, Norman Rumbelow, East Marden, Frederick Carroll, E P Vulliamy, Owlet, W J Eggleston, W T R, E L G, Thomas Guest, Dr F St, M H Moorhouse, Lulu, J W W, R H Brooks, H Blacklock, F Jesson, L Sharswood, Ernest Sharswood, D Templeton, R Gray, M O'Halloran, C Oswald, Ben Nevis, E Elsbury, Elsie, An Old Hand, T Greentank, C S Cole, S Farrant, Jupiter Junior, C Darragh, B L Dyke, D W Kell, A Kentish Man, G L Mayne, and R Ingersoll.

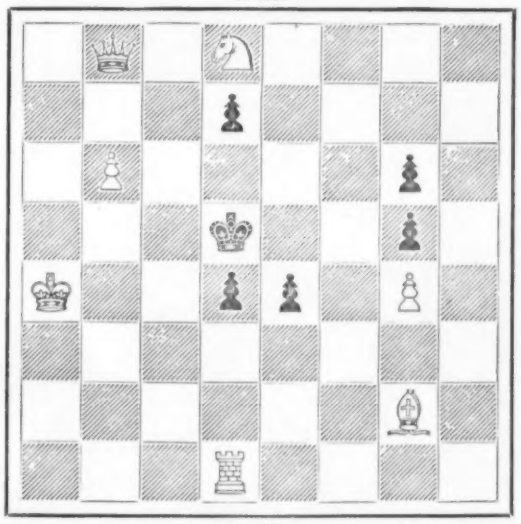
Note.—The large number of correspondents who think they have solved this problem by 1. B to B 6th, 1 B to K 7th, or 1. B to Q 8th, are requested to examine Black's defence to all these moves, 1. R to Q B 8th.

Solution of Problem No. 1918.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Q to Kt 8th	Any move
2. Mates accordingly.	

PROBLEM No. 1921.
By F. J. Kellner (Vienna).

BLACK.



WHITE.
White to play, and mate in three moves.

One of eight Games played simultaneously and without seeing the boards and pieces by Mr. J. H. Blackburne against Eight Members of the Manchester Atheneum Chess Club.
(*Evans's Gambit.*)

WHITE (Mr. B.)	BLACK (Mr. M.)	WHITE (Mr. B.)	BLACK (Mr. M.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th	14. P to B 4th	P takes P
2. Kt to K B 3rd	Kt to Q B 3rd	15. P to K 5th	P to Q B 3rd
3. B to B 4th	B to B 4th	16. Kt to K 4th	P takes Q P
4. P to Q Kt 4th	B takes Kt P	17. Kt to Q 6th (ch)	K to Q 2nd
5. P to B 3rd	B to R 4th	18. B to Kt 5th (ch)	K to K 3rd
6. P to Q 4th	P takes P	19. P takes P	Kt takes P
7. Castles	B to Kt 3rd	20. R to K sq (ch)	Kt to K 5th
8. P takes P	P to Q 3rd	21. Q takes P	Q to Kt 3rd (ch)
9. P to Q 5th	Kt to K 4th	22. K to R sq	Q to R 4th
9. Kt to R 4th is the correct move here.		At this point Mr. Blackburne announced mate in six moves, and effected it as follows:—	
10. Kt takes Kt	P takes Kt	23. R takes Kt (ch)	P takes R
11. B to R 3rd	B to Q 5th	24. B to B 4th (ch)	Q to Q 4th
12. Kt to Q 2nd	B takes R	25. Q to B 7th (ch)	K to K 4th
Black has won the "exchange," but is now without a solitary officer in the field.		26. Q takes Q (ch)	K to B 3rd
		27. Kt takes P (ch)	K to Kt 2nd
13. Q takes B	P to K B 3rd	28. Q to Kt 5th. Checkmate.	

Two smart Skirmishes from the City of Dublin Chess Club. Between Messrs. Soffe and B. W. Fisher.—(*Ruy Lopez.*)

WHITE (Mr. S.)	BLACK (Mr. F.)	WHITE (Mr. S.)	BLACK (Mr. F.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th	13. B to Q B 4th	Q takes B P
2. Kt to K B 3rd	Kt to Q B 3rd	14. P to K Kt 4th	
3. B to Kt 5th	P to K Kt 3rd	White loses time, besides exposing the King to danger in this effort to get two pieces for a Rook. We should have preferred 14. Kt to Q B 3rd in the position.	
4. P to Q 4th	P takes P		
5. Kt takes P	B to Kt 2nd		
6. P to Q B 3rd	K Kt to K 2nd	14.	Kt to B 6th (ch)
7. Castles	Castles	15. R takes Kt	P takes R
8. P to K B 4th	P to Q 4th	16. P takes Kt	B takes P
9. P to B 5th		17. Kt to B 3rd	P to B 7th (ch)
9. P to K 5th; shutting in the adverse K B is stronger play.		18. K to R sq	Q takes Kt
		A very well conceived coup, and leading to a capital finish.	
9.	B takes Kt (ch)		
10. P takes B	P takes K P	19. Q to K 2nd	Q takes B, and White resigned.
11. P to B 6th	Kt to B 4th		
12. P to Q 5th	Q Kt to Q 5th		

Between Mr. Monk, of Dublin, and Mr. Shenele, of London.
(*Four Knights' Game.*)

WHITE (Mr. M.)	BLACK (Mr. S.)	WHITE (Mr. M.)	BLACK (Mr. S.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th	10. Q to B 5th	Kt to R 3rd (dis. ch)
2. Kt to K B 3rd	Kt to Q B 3rd	11. Q takes Q	Kt takes Q
3. Kt to Q B 3rd	Kt to K B 3rd	12. Kt to Q 5th	Castles
4. B to Kt 5th	B to B 4th	13. Kt takes Q B P	R to Q Kt sq
5. Kt takes K P	B tks K B P (ch)	14. B takes Kt	P takes B
Black can get an even game by 5. Kt takes Kt, or 5. Q to K 2nd, whereas the move in the text helps to develop White's forces.		15. B to Q B 4th	K to R sq
		16. K R to K B sq	P to K B 3rd
6. K takes B	Kt takes Kt	17. R to K B 3rd	P to Q 3rd
7. P to Q 4th	K Kt to Kt 5th (ch)	18. Q R to K B sq	K to Kt 2nd
8. K to Kt 3rd	Q to K B 3rd	19. R takes P	
9. Q to B sq		Correctly played. If Black play 19. R takes R, then follows 20. Kt to K 8th (ch), &c.	
Of course he cannot take the Kt, and the move adopted puts a sudden end to the counter-attack.			
9.	Q to K Kt 3rd	19.	B to Q 2nd
		20. R to B 7th (ch), and Black resigned.	

The last monthly supper of the City of London Chess Club was signalised by a departure from the rule of "no toasts" which is usually observed at these agreeable reunions. On the withdrawal of the cloth the president, Mr. H. F. Gastineau, gracefully complimented Mr. S J. Stevens on his success in bearing off the first prize in the club handicap of the year, and took occasion to express the cordial thanks of the members to Mr. Down for his past services in the capacity of honorary secretary, a post which that gentleman has just resigned into the hands of Mr. Adamson. The toast of health to these gentlemen was heartily received, and was drunk with musical honours.

The *Chessplayers' Chronicle* for December opens with an editorial in which the late editors say farewell to their readers. The other contents comprise an article on the subject of Mr. Thorold's attack in the "Allgaier," and games and problems, original and selected. The next number will be published under new management.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

The will (dated Feb. 14, 1879) with a codicil thereto (dated Jan. 22, 1880) of Sir Thomas Hare, late of Stow Hall, in the county of Norfolk, Baronet, who died on Nov. 14 last, was proved on the 3rd inst. by Anothy Hamond, Esq., Captain Sir Michael Culme Seymour, Bart., R.N., and William Melmoth Walters, Esq., three of the executors, power being reserved to Colonel George Howard Vyse, the remaining executor, to prove the same, the personal estate being sworn under £300,000. The testator devises his Stow Hall estates in Norfolk to his eldest son, Thomas Leigh Hare, for life, with remainder to his first and other sons successively in tail male, with various subsequent limitations in strict course of entail. He also devises his Cadhay estate, in the county of Devon, to his second son, George Ralph Leigh Hare, if he attains twenty-one, absolutely; and, in default, to his third son, Edward Philip Leigh Hare, if he attains twenty-one, absolutely; with remainder to his said eldest son, Thomas Leigh Hare. The testator bequeaths to his executors and trustees all his personal estate, and directs payment thereout of legacies to his daughter, Mrs. Hamond, and to his executors and others, and directs his trustees to set apart a sum of £125,000 to be laid out in the purchase of real estate to be entailed on his second son, George Ralph Leigh Hare, and his issue, and to set apart a further sum of £65,000 upon trust for his third son Edward Philip Leigh Hare and his issue, and bequeaths his residuary personal estate to such of his three sons as shall first attain twenty-one.

The will (with two codicils) of Mr. Robert Bell, of Copse Hill, Wimbledon, and late of Norris Castle, Isle of Wight, who was formerly proprietor of the *Weekly Dispatch* newspaper, was proved on Dec. 2, 1880, by Robert Bell, the only son and sole executor. The personal estate is sworn under £250,000. The testator, after giving several legacies and annuities to friends and servants, bequeaths £100 each, free from legacy duty, to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; the Royal Masonic Institution for aged Freemasons and widows of Freemasons; the Blue School for Girls, at Newport, Isle of Wight; and to the Charing-cross Hospital; and all the residue of his real and personal estate to his said son.

The will (dated Jan. 29, 1879) with a codicil (dated June 8, 1880) of Mr. Joseph Marshall, late of West Heslerton Hall, in the East Riding of Yorkshire, who died on Oct. 17 last, was proved on the 19th ult. by Benjamin Cunningham Wates, Charles White, and Hugh William Pearson, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £140,000. The testator gives £200 to the Bradford Infirmary; £100 to the York County Hospital; certain stocks in the Great Northern and Midland Railways upon trust for his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett, for life; his freehold house at Rillington and £10,000 to his niece, Hannah Booth Hodgson (the only daughter of his brother John); the residue of his real estate is directed to be sold, and the net proceeds are also to be paid to his said niece; £12,000 each to his five nephews, the children of his late sister, Mrs. Hannah Booth Davis; £12,000 upon trust for the three children of his late niece, Hannah Booth Wates; £12,000 to his nephew Joseph Robinson Marshall (the son of his brother James Ellis Marshall); £5000 each to his said brother James, and to his nephew Benjamin Marshall and his niece Mrs. Elizabeth Moss, other children of his said brother; and there are bequests to his executors, servants, and others. The residue of the personalty he bequeaths to his said niece, Hannah Booth Hodgson.

The will (dated July 8, 1875) with two codicils (dated June 1 and July 20, 1880) of Mr. John Deverell, late of Purbrook Park, Portsdown, Farlington, Hants, who died on the 6th ult., was proved on the 2nd inst. by William Henry Deverell and John Croft Deverell, the sons, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £140,000. The testator leaves £300 to the Church Missionary Society; £200 each to the London Missionary Society, the American Missionary Society, the Moravian Missionary Society, and the London City Missionary Society; £100 to the Winchester County Hospital; £15,000 upon trust for each of his said two sons and for each of his two daughters, Miss Frances Anne Deverell and Mrs. Emily Jane Bayford; to his said son John Croft Deverell, his property at Winchester and Barngreen, and other freehold and leasehold properties, shares, and policies of insurance; and there are some other bequests. The residue of his real and personal estate he gives to his said son William Henry Deverell.

The will (dated Jan. 26, 1878) with a codicil (dated June 14, 1879) of Mr. George Eyston, late of Overbury, Worcestershire, who died on Oct. 19 last, was proved on the 26th ult. by Charles John Eyston and George Basil Eyston, the nephews, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £70,000. The testator gives £200 to the Rev. Thomas Barge, of Soho-square, to be applied by him as he may think fit for the benefit of the poor of his congregation; his residence, with the furniture and effects, at Overbury, and all his real estate in the said parish, to his nephew Charles John Eyston; £5800 each to his nephews George Basil Eyston and Robert Thomas Eyston; and numerous other legacies to relatives, godchildren, and servants. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves to his said three nephews.

The will (dated Jan. 23, 1873) with a codicil (dated Sept. 2, 1880) of Mr. Stephen Grange, formerly of No. 126, Oxford-street, but late of No. 48, St. John's Wood-road, who died on Sept. 11 last, was proved on the 25th ult. by William Todd, Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper (the daughter), and Miss Mary Menhen, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £40,000. The testator makes specific gifts of his various freehold and leasehold properties to or in favour of his daughters, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Caroline Todd; and his grandchildren, Edward Stephen Grange, Charles Augustus Grange, Clara Elizabeth Grange, Isabel Emily Grange, and Mary Caroline Grange, the children of his deceased son Stephen; and there are gifts to his other grandchildren, his stepdaughter, his executrix, Miss Menhen, and to others. As to the residue of his property, he leaves one third to each of his said two daughters; and the other third between the children of his deceased son Stephen.

The will (dated Nov. 23, 1871) of Mrs. Augusta Ashby, late of Staines, who died on Sept. 28 last, was proved on the 24th ult. by Charles Ashby, the son, and Robert Ashby, the nephew, the surviving executors, the personal estate being affirmed under £35,000. The testatrix leaves £200 to Phebe Pattison, for her long and faithful services; £2000 each to her sons James and Walter; and the residue of her property, real and personal, between her eight children—Charles Ashby, James Ashby, Walter Ashby, Mrs. Ann Crawley, Rebecca Ashby, Mrs. Augusta Curtis, Ellen Ashby, and Sophia Ashby.

The will (dated March 21, 1871) with five codicils of Miss Philadelphia Lætitia Cotton, late of St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, who died on Oct. 2 last, was proved on the 1st inst. by Sir Henry William Dashwood, Bart., Richard Trott Fisher, and William Affleck King, the nephew, the executors, the personal estate being sworn under £25,000. The deceased was a daughter of the late Admiral Sir Charles Cotton, Bart.

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SOUND INVESTMENTS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF

CANADA.—The difficulties experienced by investors in finding good Railway Stocks to yield a fair return are increasing. Indian Railway 5 per Cents being at 127 and yielding little over 3¾ per cent, it is not surprising that attention should be directed to Canada, which is the only English Colony where the Railways do not belong to the Government. The First Preference of the Grand Trunk Railway has advanced to par, and, although it is becoming a popular security, its full merits as a 5 per cent dividend-paying stock will not be duly appreciated until the quotation reaches a much higher price. An exact parallel to this was witnessed some few months since in the case of the Debentures. At prices ranging from 90 to 100 the Stock was regarded with suspicion because it yielded something over 5 per cent, but directly it advanced to such a level as to return only 4¾ per cent the buying became very animated. This 5 per cent Debenture will, no doubt, gradually attain the same quotation as Indian Railway 5 per Cents, and, when this takes place, the 1st and 2nd Preferences will have risen considerably. The rapidly-improving position of the Grand Trunk must soon bring into prominence the fact that these two Stocks are not limited to a dividend of 5 per cent, but that they have a further contingent value in being entitled to an extra 1 per cent of dividend after the Ordinary has received 3 per cent.

During the past month the weekly increase of traffics has been considerable, notwithstanding the interruption of business from special holidays and the elections. The increase for the twenty-two weeks of the current half year to Nov. 27 shows the enormous total of £143,579.

Owing to the early closi g of the "Navigation," the amount of produce to be moved to the seaboard is beyond all precedent. It has been assumed by some that possibly a great deal would be stored until the lake and river traffic reopened in the spring. Such an idea is absurd, inasmuch as the larger the volume of produce the less storage will be available, and the lower the value the less it will bear the weight of storage charges. It is therefore clearly t the interest of the producer to forward his goods to marke as quickly as possible in order to secure the benefit of wi rices.

In the c , the Grand Trunk, the increased revenue has hitherto be , derived, not from higher rates, but from expanding business, which augurs well for the future.

The 1st and 2nd Preference being now amply secured 5 per cent stocks, and the 3rd Preference already earning a dividend, the Ordinary stock, which is of the nominal amount of £11,000,000, must be an attractive investment, as it is at present selling at £2,640,000, or under five shillings in the pound. This stock is entitled to the reversion of a progressive railway of no less than 1300 miles, and, in addition, 335 miles of the Chicago and Grand Trunk line, £1,200,000 of Ordinary Stock in which is the absolute property of the Grand Trunk Company. This is rapidly becoming a valuable asset.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF

CANADA.—It is not surprising that Shareholders in this Company should begin to feel grievously disappointed in having missed the opportunity for coming to terms with the Grand Trunk. Indulgence in the "magic of patience" does not seem to bring them any nearer to the rewards promised as a result of the multitudinous negotiations for American alliances; on the contrary, signs are not wanting that the so-called allies are proving very lukewarm friends, and the utterly dependent position of the Great Western Company is being constantly manifested. On the other hand, the Grand Trunk Company, by having placed itself in a thoroughly independent position, is daily growing in strength and importance. Remembering that the shares of the Great Western Company are of the denomination of £20 10s., the current price of 15¾ is equal to £75 12s. 2d. per £100 Stock. A comparison of the relative merits of Great Western and Grand Trunk securities for a present investment may be best illustrated thus:—

10 shares Great Western of Canada at 15¾ would cost	£155, and earn dividend 2 p. ct., or	£4 2s.
£100 Grand Trunk 2nd Preference Stock would cost	£90, and earn dividend 5 p. ct., or	£5 0 0
£100 Grand Trunk 3rd Preference Stock would cost	£48, and earn dividend 2 p. ct., or	£2 0 0
£70 Grand Trunk Ordinary at 25..	£17, and earn nil.	
	£155	£7 0 0

Thus, the same sum which would purchase £205 of nominal stock in the Great Western of Canada with an income of £4 2s., would buy £270 of nominal capital in the Grand Trunk Company with an income of £7. It would seem, therefore, that an exchange from Great Western of Canada shares into a selection of Trunk Securities cannot fail to prove profitable. Apart from the immediate increase of income, there is a prospect of a much more rapid development in capital value in Grand Trunk Securities.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING

RAILROAD.—Adverse speculators recently resumed their attacks upon this property, the rumour having been industriously circulated that the proposed "deferred" issue was illegal, and that the floating debt would therefore have to be met in some other way. The legality of such a measure has, however, been since established by the American Courts. It was conveniently forgotten that the improved position was not dependent on any financial scheme, but existed in a very tangible form in the great increase of revenue. A year ago the floating debt was known to the proprietors, and then the shares stood at 38 dols. This year the net earnings to the end of October exceed those for the same period last year by no less than 2,200,000 dols.

Regarding the floating debt much misapprehension exists. The whole amount does not exceed one half year's gross receipts. There are 26,000,000 dols. of nominal assets which are pledged as security for the payment of the 13,500,000 dols. of floating debt, and these assets, if sold, would produce over 16,000,000 dols. in cash, which would be more than sufficient to pay off the entire liability and leave 2,500,000 dols. cash in the Treasury of the Company. The Receivers estimate that the net earnings for the next fiscal year, beginning Dec. 1, will be sufficient to pay 10 per cent on the shares after allowing for 800,000 dols. interest on the floating debt. Assuming, therefore, the floating debt to be paid off by the "Deferred" issue, which is to be of the same amount as the existing share capital, the net surplus for dividend would be 800,000 dols. more, and the total would suffice to pay 6 per cent on the present shares and 6 per cent on the Deferred Stock, leaving a surplus of 100,000 dols.

It is also contemplated to consolidate the redeemable mortgages and rent charges bearing high interest and sinking funds into 5 per cent Debentures, and the saving from this operation and the clearing off the floating debt is estimated at 2,000,000 dols. per annum. This would bring up the dividend to 7½ per cent on both shares and Deferred Stock. It, therefore, seems absurd that the shares should be at 50 per cent discount. Holders may, I think, look forward to a steady improvement in the next twelve months. The small amount of the share capital—£6,500,000—for a railway with nearly £6,000,000 per annum gross income is a very important feature.

MEXICAN RAILWAY.—The sanguine

estimates in which I have indulged from the time when I recommended investments in the 1st Preference Shares at £4 10s., and later on the Ordinary Shares at £2, have been more than realised. During the past month the full dividends of 8 and 6 per cent respectively, on the 1st and 2nd Preferences for the half-year ending June 30 last, have been announced, and it is rumoured that the surplus will be applied in a small distribution to the ordinary shareholders. The recent heavy increases in traffic are likely to be far exceeded in the future. The newly authorised Railways in Mexico will take many years to complete, and during the period of construction this Company will benefit by the carriage of all the necessary materials, and as each section is opened new traffic will be attracted. The forthcoming meeting will be specially interesting.

ATLANTIC, MISSISSIPPI, and OHIO

RAILROAD.—The intrinsic value of these Bonds is evidently becoming better understood, the price having greatly improved. A further payment of 2 per cent in cash on account of overdue coupons will be made next month. The distinct merits of the Railway justify a further considerable advance.

ISLE OF MAN RAILWAY.—The Progress

of this compact Railway continues so steadily that the shares must prove a good dividend paying and improving investment at the present price of £5 10s. The traffics for the current year amount to £21,146 against £17,218 last year, an increase of £3928, or 22½ per cent.

ANGLO-AMERICAN TELEGRAPH.

Having survived the recent introduction of the new French Atlantic Cable, the shareholders in this company naturally anticipated an immunity from further attack; but a new assailant has appeared from a totally unexpected quarter—viz., a co-proprietor. This enterprising person, no doubt actuated by the most philanthropic motives, has sought to restrain by an injunction the payment of dividends declared by the Board. The burden of his complaint appears to be that the two cables laid in 1865 and 1866 have become useless, and that before paying further dividends a sufficient amount should be placed to reserve to restore the Capital represented by these two cables, and, further, that the seven millions of capital is not fairly represented by the assets. In putting forward such specious arguments the facts are carefully kept in the background.

When the amalgamation took place between the Anglo-American, French Cable and New York and Newfoundland Telegraph Companies, the present Capital of £7,000,000 was agreed upon. For this the Company obtained the two Anglo-American cables laid in 1865 and 1866, the French Cable, the whole system of land lines in Newfoundland, together with a network of heavy cables connecting Placentia and St. Pierre with Nova Scotia. In addition, highly valuable contracts were secured with the Western Union Company (the most extensive and powerful telegraph combination in the world), as well as working agreements with the principal Governments and Postal systems in Europe.

So far from the property of the Company having deteriorated since the amalgamation, as is alleged by adverse critics, it is not difficult to show that, owing to the prudence of the Board, due provision has been made for the future. Three new cables have been laid in 1873, 1874, and 1880, out of Reserve Funds accumulated from Revenue. When the Newfoundland system was acquired, there were two cables connecting the important points above referred to; there are now four, the two new lines being of greatly improved type, and containing six wires instead of two, so that the carrying capacity of the Newfoundland system has been enormously increased. These also have been paid for out of Revenue.

Shareholders should bear all these facts in mind, and they are not likely to be scared by any threats of injunctions; and remembering the losses to the promoters of the new French company, even reports of new competing cables should cause no alarm. Those who talk of such an absurdity as a line viâ the Azores, cannot be familiar with the results of the surveys of the Challenger expedition. If for the past quarter the usual provision for reserve was not made owing to the temporary effect of the French cable competition, it should be remembered that last year the directors transferred from revenue no less than £213,000, or £63,000 in excess of the usual amount agreed upon. With its long established and valuable connections, and the enormous expansion of business between Europe, America, and Canada, this Company cannot fail to prosper even upon a tariff of 2s. per word. At the current quotation of 66 the whole property is selling for £4,620,000. The recent low level of values has doubtless attracted fresh investments, hence the advance.

TRAMWAYS.—At last there seems a

fair prospect that the long deferred hopes of Tramway Proprietors are likely to be realised. The Locomotive has already been successfully introduced upon some of the lines of the Bristol Company. Contracts are pending with the Hughes Locomotive Company of Loughborough for the working of a portion of the Dublin Southern District, owned by the Imperial Company, so that before the spring it is fair to assume that in part at least the expensive and old-fashioned system of horse traction will have given place to the more economical mechanical power.

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CANADIAN COPPER AND SULPHUR

COMPANY.—The advices from this property continue to be of the most satisfactory character, showing steady progress in the development of the mines. The first shipment of smelted copper is now due in Liverpool, and the assay will, no doubt, be made in time for the meeting on the 23rd inst.

INDIAN GOLD-MINES.—There is no

abatement in the interest which these properties continue to excite, and the area of investors in them is largely on the increase. This is scarcely to be wondered at, in view of the highly favourable reports which continue to be received from the properties in India. The South Indian, Indian Glenrock, Devala Moyar, and Indian Phœnix Shares are well worth purchasing at current quotations.

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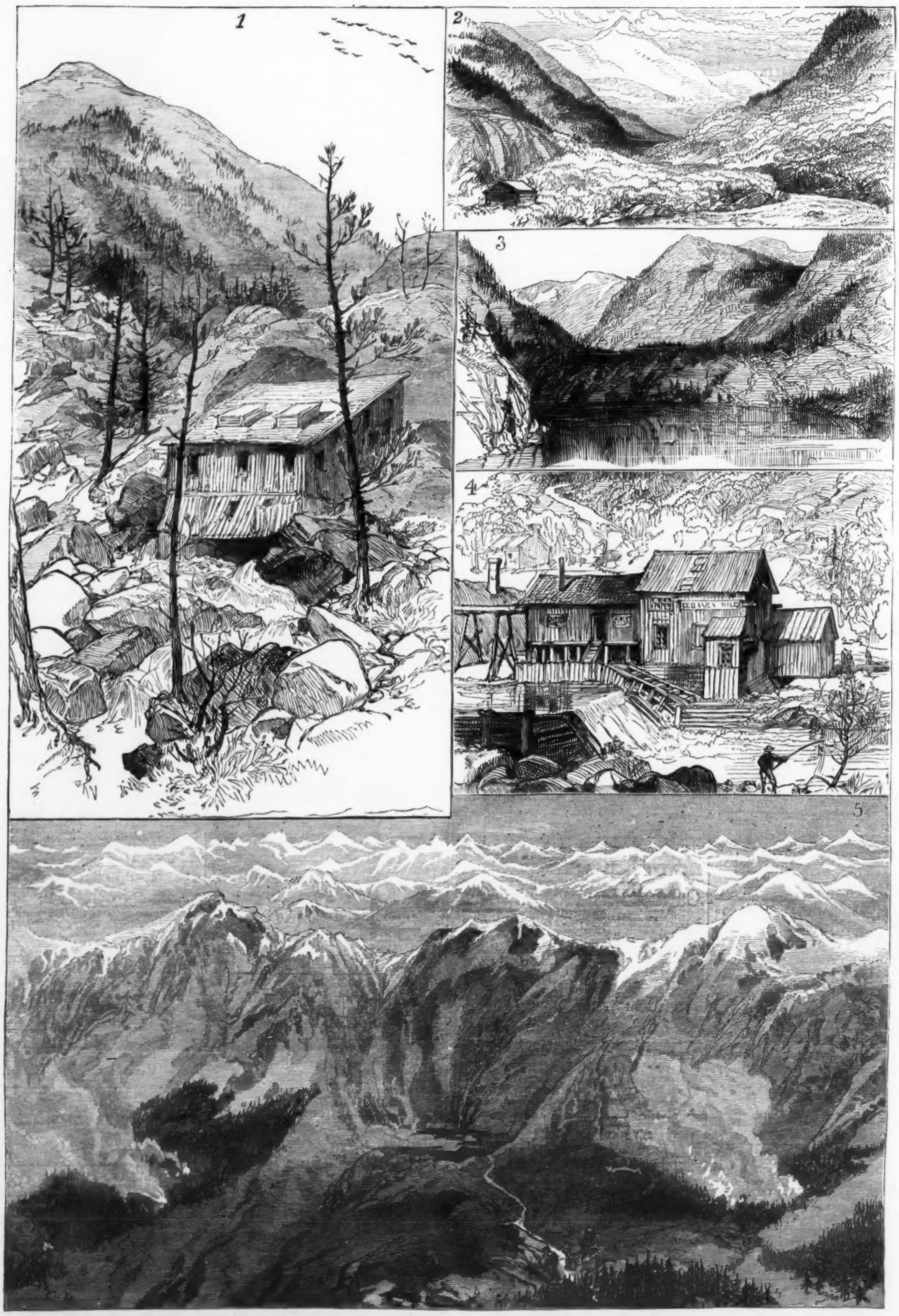

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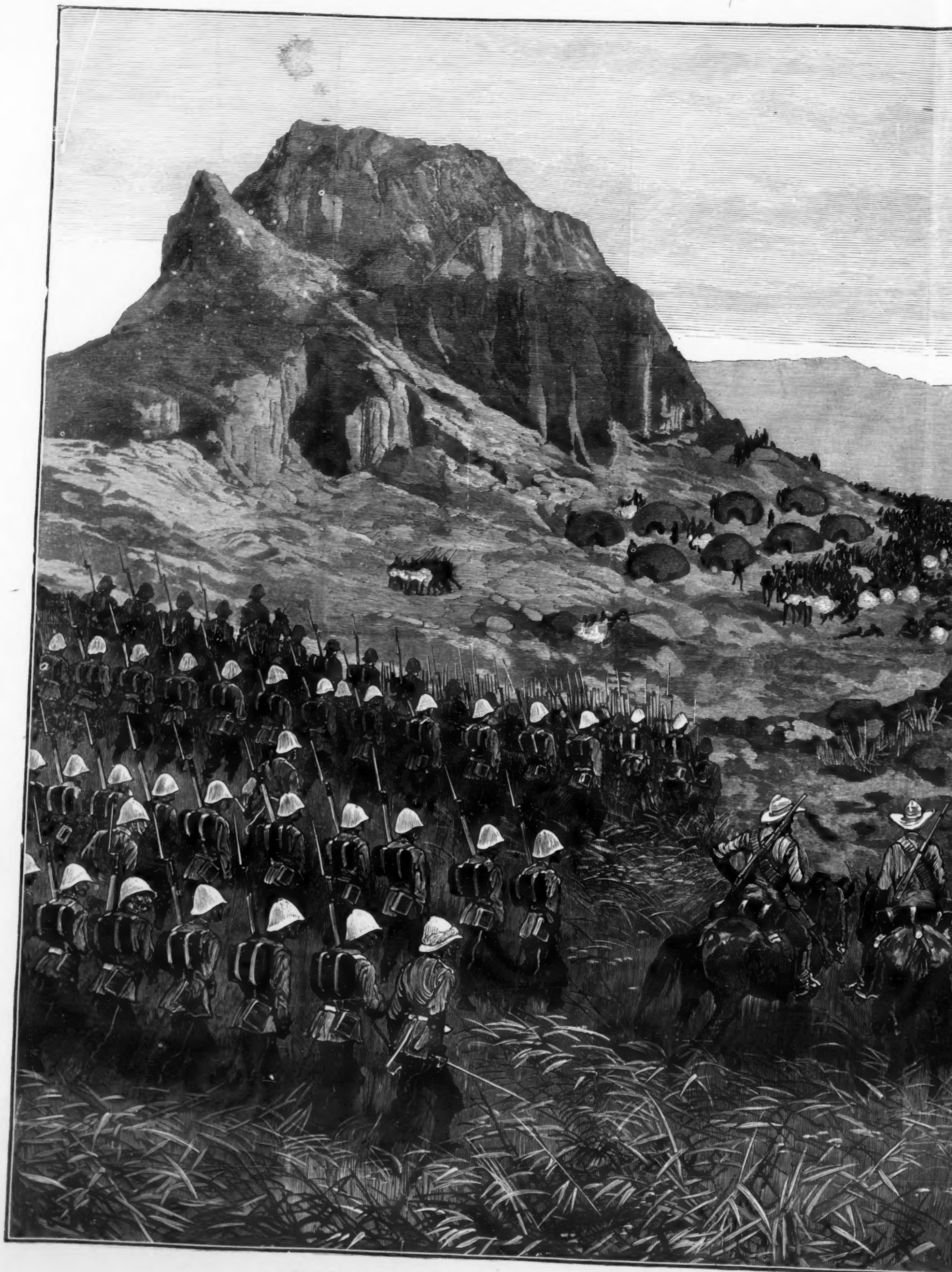

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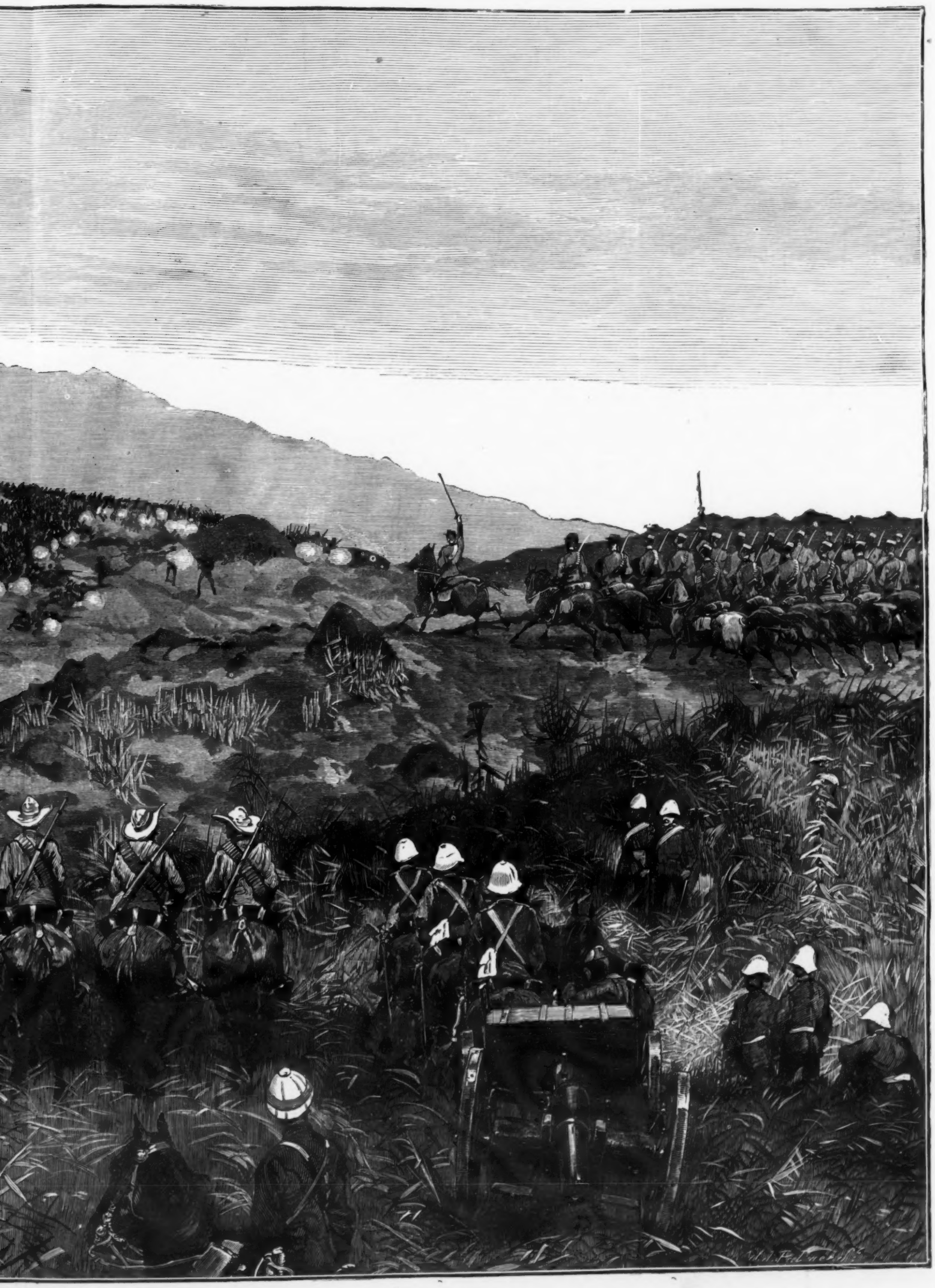

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